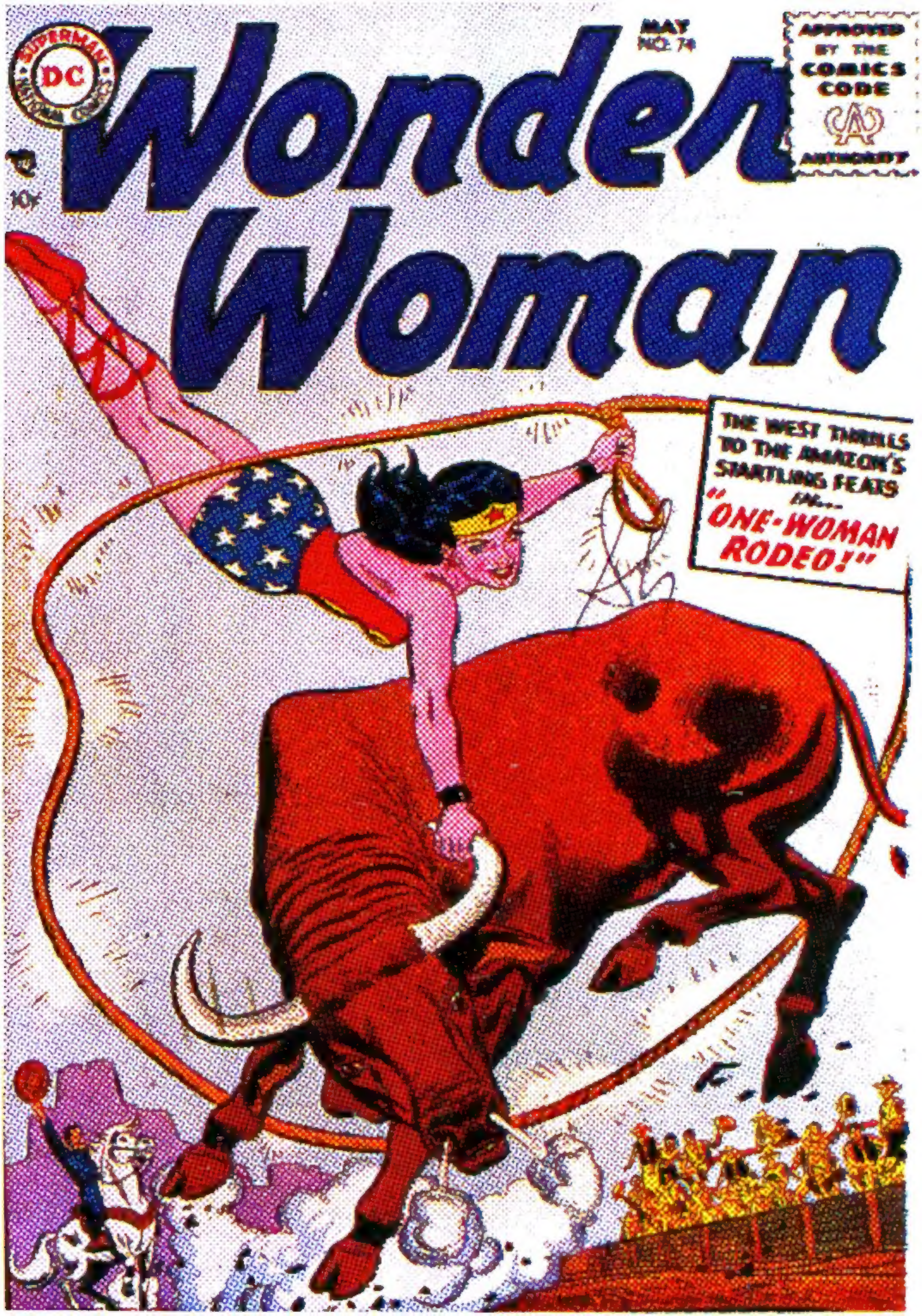
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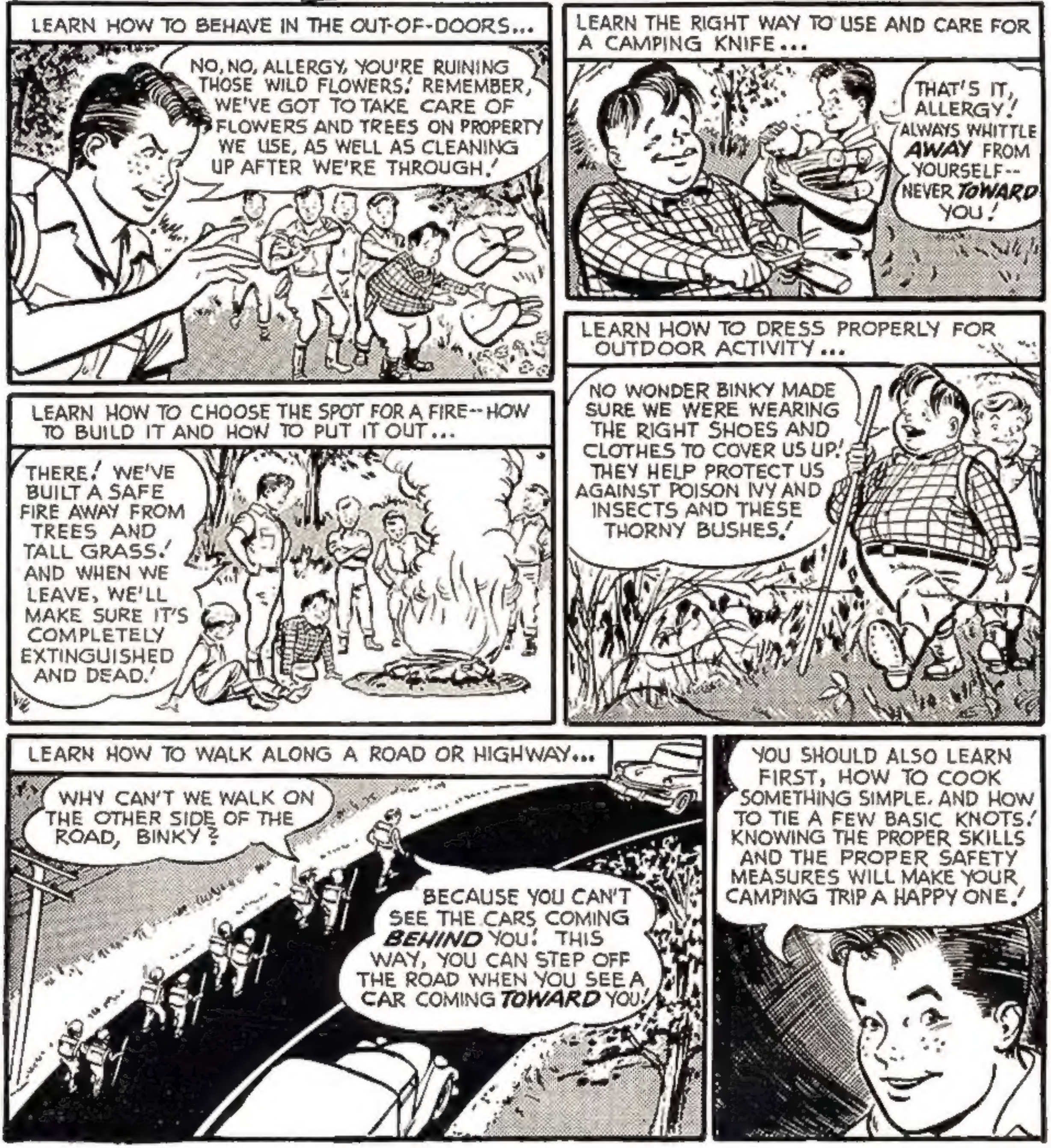
LEARN HOW TO BEHAVE IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS...
NO, NO, ALLERGY, YOU'RE RUINING THOSE WILD FLOWERS! REMEMBER, WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF FLOWERS AND TREES ON PROPERTY WE USE, AS WELL AS CLEANING UP AFTER WE'RE THROUGH!
LEARN THE RIGHT WAY TO USE AND CARE FOR A CAMPING KNIFE...
THAT'S IT, ALLERGY! ALWAYS WHITTLE AWAY FROM YOURSELF-- NEVER TOWARD YOU!
LEARN HOW TO CHOOSE THE SPOT FOR A FIRE--HOW TO BUILD IT AND HOW TO PUT IT OUT...
THERE! WE'VE BUILT A SAFE FIRE AWAY FROM TREES AND TALL GRASS! AND WHEN WE LEAVE, WE'LL MAKE SURE IT'S COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED AND DEAD!
LEARN HOW TO DRESS PROPERLY FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY...
NO WONDER BINKY MADE SURE WE WERE WEARING THE RIGHT SHOES AND CLOTHES TO COVER US UP! THEY HELP PROTECT US AGAINST POISON IVY AND INSECTS AND THESE THORNY BUSHES!
LEARN HOW TO WALK ALONG A ROAD OR HIGHWAY...
WHY CAN'T WE WALK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD, BINKY?
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE THE CARS COMING BEHIND YOU! THIS WAY, YOU CAN STEP OFF THE ROAD WHEN YOU SEE A CAR COMING TOWARD YOU!
YOU SHOULD ALSO LEARN FIRST, HOW TO COOK SOMETHING SIMPLE, AND HOW TO TIE A FEW BASIC KNOTS! KNOWING THE PROPER SKILLS AND THE PROPER SAFETY MEASURES WILL MAKE YOUR CAMPING TRIP A HAPPY ONE!

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Wonder Woman

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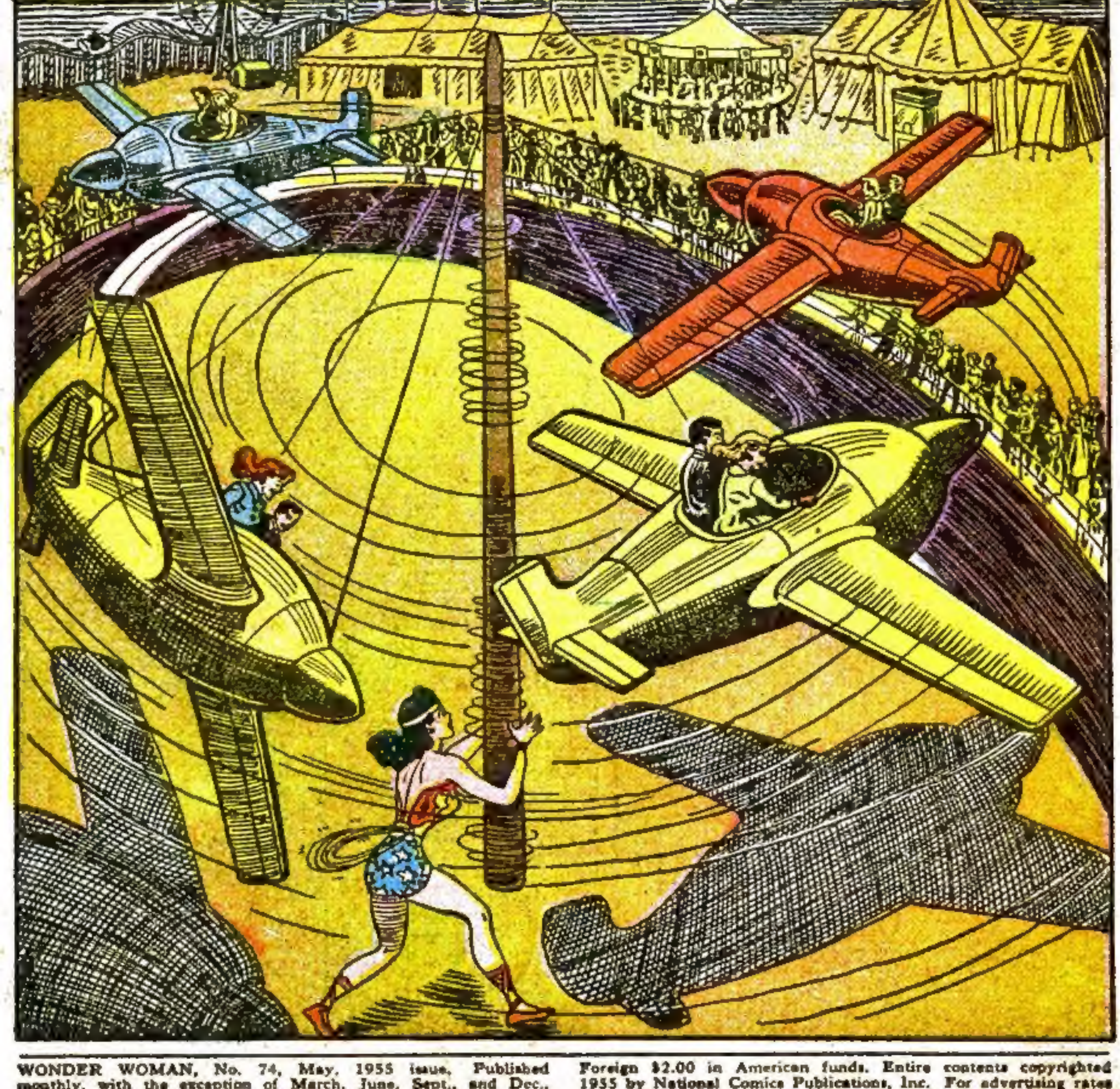
"The CARNIVAL of PERIL!"



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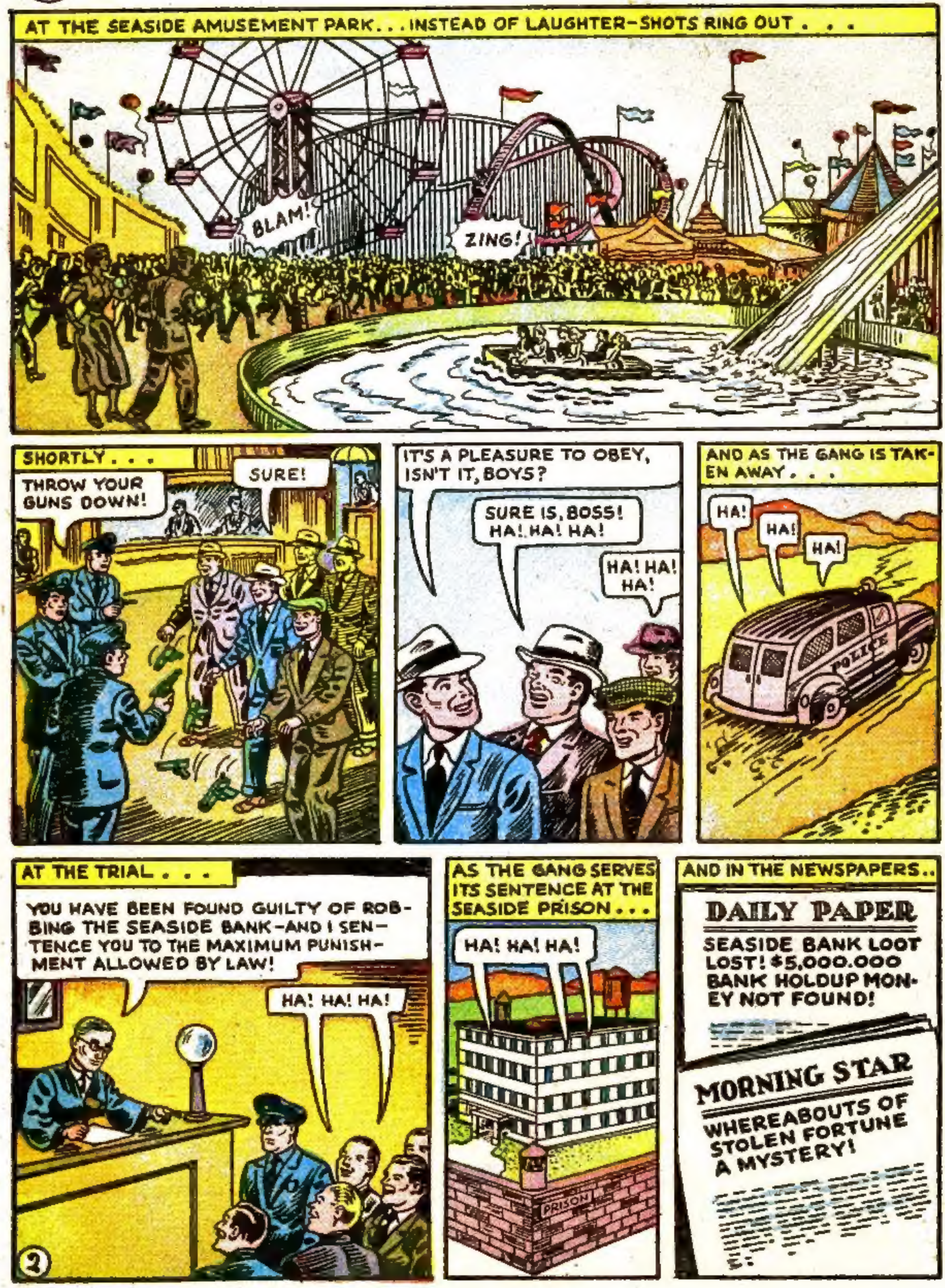
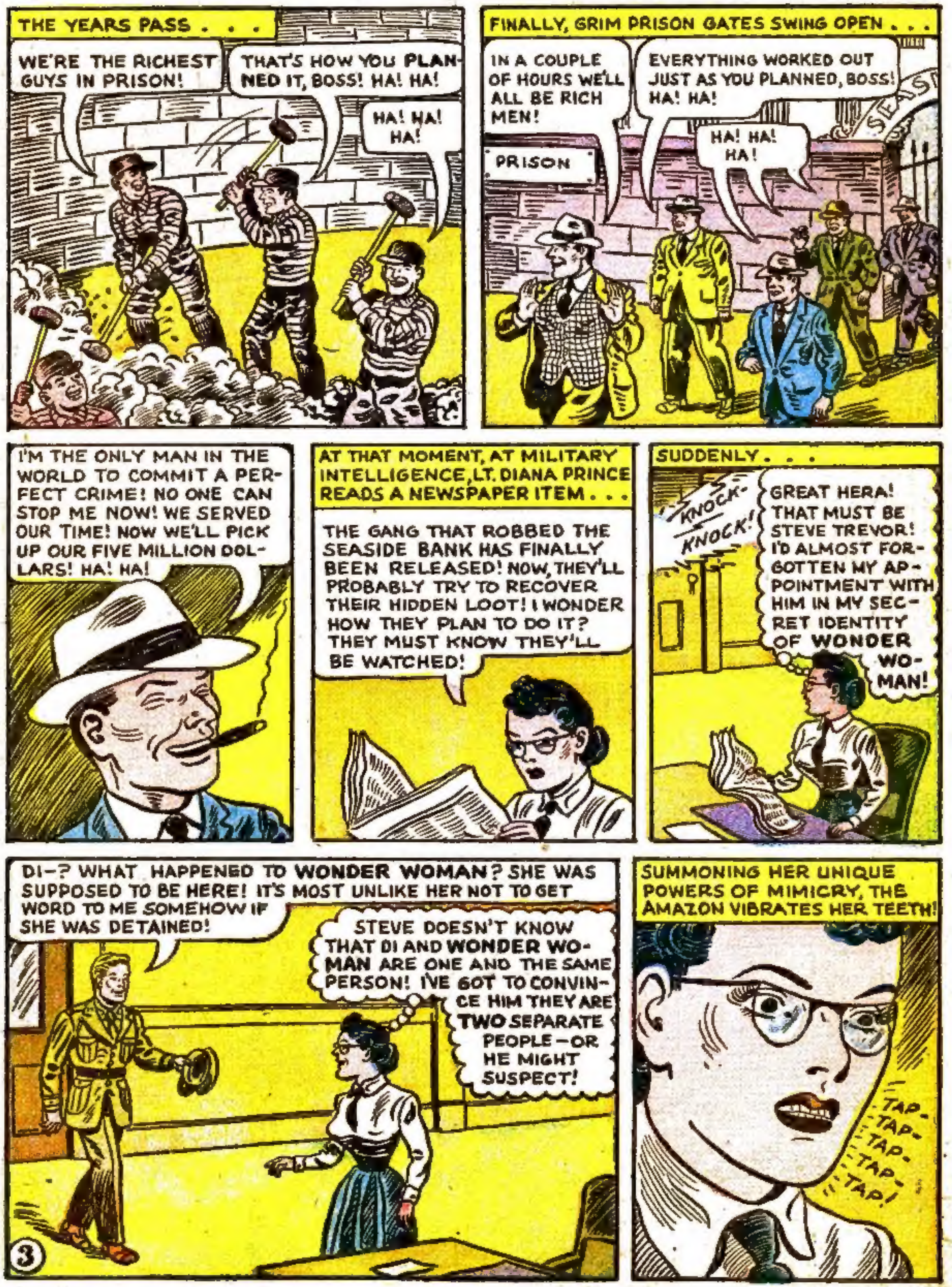

AT THE SEASIDE AMUSEMENT PARK. . .INSTEAD OF LAUGHTER–SHOTS RING OUT . . .
BLAM!
ZING!
SHORTLY . . .
THROW YOUR GUNS DOWN!
SURE!
IT'S A PLEASURE TO OBEY, ISN'T IT, BOYS?
SURE IS, BOSS! HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!
AND AS THE GANG IS TAKEN AWAY . . .
HA!
HA!
HA!
POLICE
AT THE TRIAL . . .
YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBING THE SEASIDE BANK–AND I SENTENCE YOU TO THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT ALLOWED BY LAW!
HA! HA! HA!
AS THE GANG SERVES ITS SENTENCE AT THE SEASIDE PRISON . . .
HA! HA! HA!
PRISON
AND IN THE NEWSPAPERS . .
DAILY PAPER
SEASIDE BANK LOOT LOST! $5,000,000 BANK HOLDUP MONEY NOT FOUND!
MORNING STAR
WHEREABOUTS OF STOLEN FORTUNE A MYSTERY!


THE YEARS PASS . . .
WE'RE THE RICHEST GUYS IN PRISON!
THAT'S HOW YOU PLANNED IT, BOSS! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!
FINALLY, GRIM PRISON GATES SWING OPEN . . .
IN A COUPLE OF HOURS WE'LL ALL BE RICH MEN!
EVERYTHING WORKED OUT JUST AS YOU PLANNED, BOSS! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!
PRISON
I'M THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD TO COMMIT A PERFECT CRIME! NO ONE CAN STOP ME NOW! WE SERVED OUR TIME! NOW WE'LL PICK UP OUR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS! HA! HA!
AT THAT MOMENT, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT. DIANA PRINCE READS A NEWSPAPER ITEM . . .
THE GANG THAT ROBBED THE SEASIDE BANK HAS FINALLY BEEN RELEASED! NOW, THEY'LL PROBABLY TRY TO RECOVER THEIR HIDDEN LOOT! I WONDER HOW THEY PLAN TO DO IT? THEY MUST KNOW THEY'LL BE WATCHED!
SUDDENLY . . .
KNOCK-KNOCK!
GREAT HERA! THAT MUST BE STEVE TREVOR! I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN MY APPOINTMENT WITH HIM IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN!
DI-? WHAT HAPPENED TO WONDER WOMAN? SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE! IT'S MOST UNLIKE HER NOT TO GET WORD TO ME SOMEHOW IF SHE WAS DETAINED!
STEVE DOESN'T KNOW THAT DI AND WONDER WOMAN ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON! I'VE GOT TO CONVINCE HIM THEY ARE TWO SEPARATE PEOPLE—OR HE MIGHT SUSPECT!
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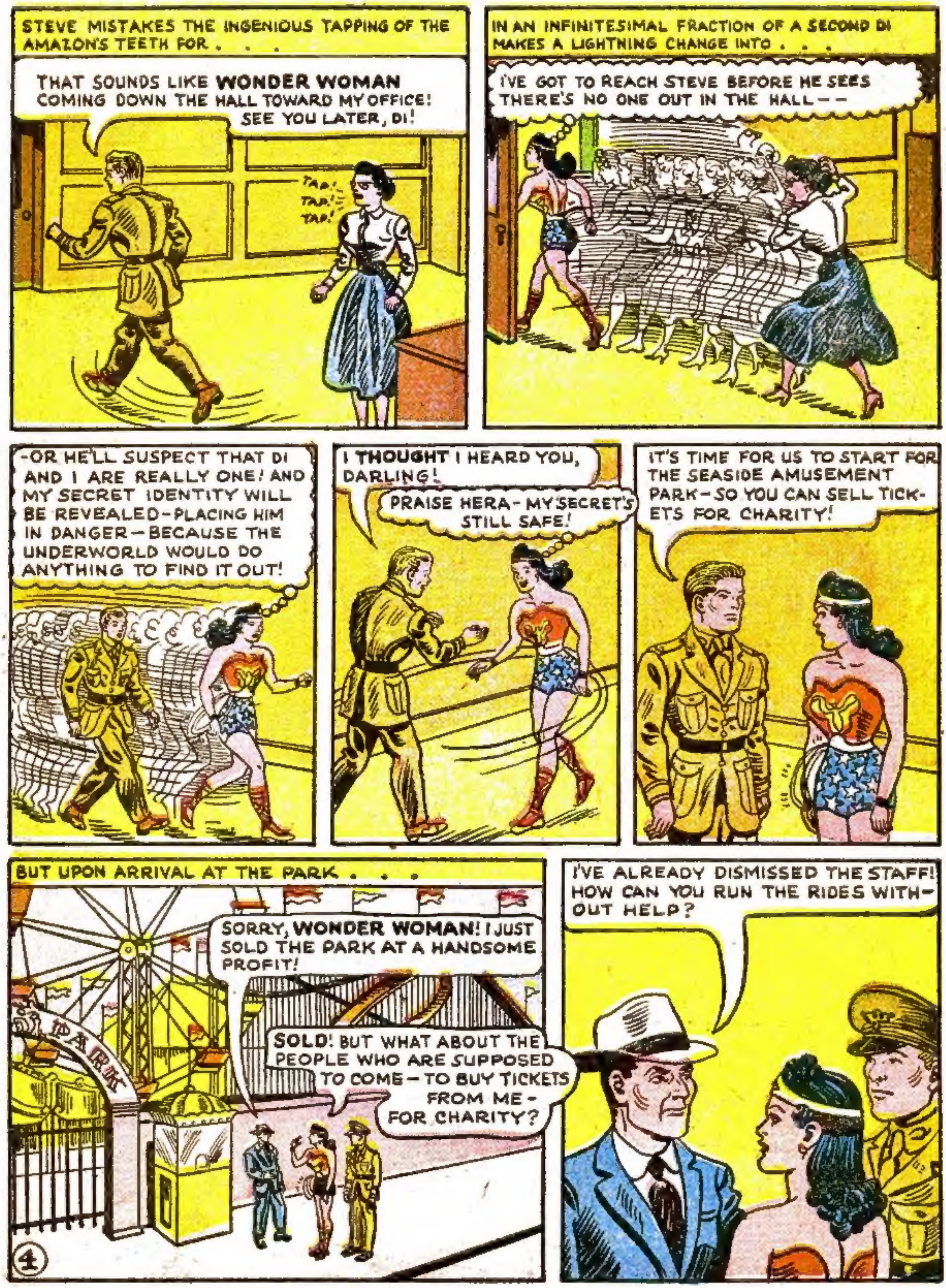
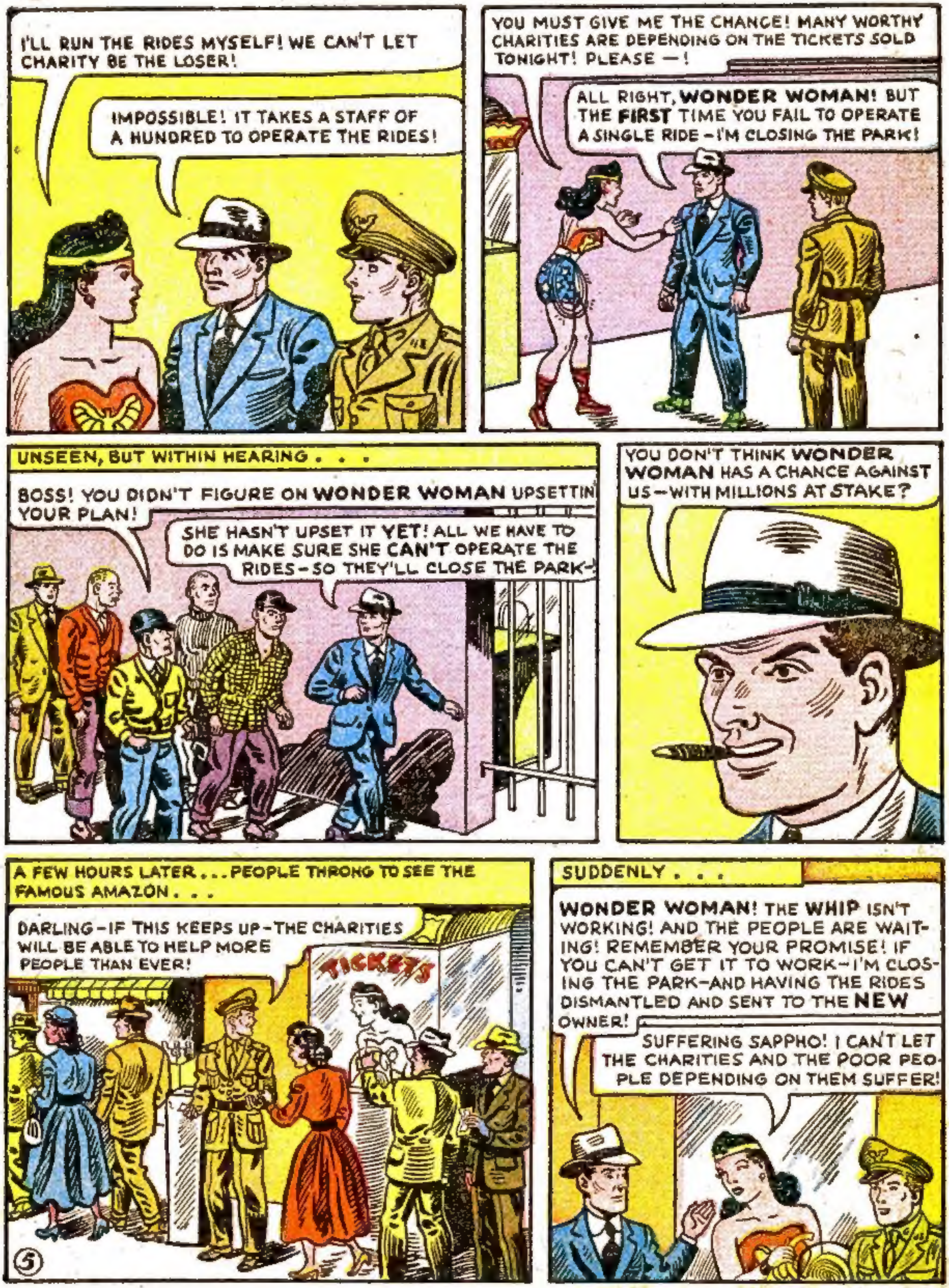
SUMMONING HER UNIQUE POWERS OF MIMICRY, THE AMAZON VIBRATES HER TEETH!
TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP!


STEVE MISTAKES THE INGENIOUS TAPPING OF THE AMAZON'S TEETH FOR . . .
THAT SOUNDS LIKE WONDER WOMAN COMING DOWN THE HALL TOWARD MY OFFICE! SEE YOU LATER, DI!
TAP! TAP! TAP!
IN AN INFINITESIMAL FRACTION OF A SECOND DI MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE INTO . . .
I'VE GOT TO REACH STEVE BEFORE HE SEES THERE'S NO ONE OUT IN THE HALL--
-OR HE'LL SUSPECT THAT DI AND I ARE REALLY ONE! AND MY SECRET IDENTITY WILL BE REVEALED-PLACING HIM IN DANGER-BECAUSE THE UNDERWORLD WOULD DO ANYTHING TO FIND IT OUT!
I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU, DARLING!
PRAISE HERA-MY SECRET'S STILL SAFE!
IT'S TIME FOR US TO START FOR THE SEASIDE AMUSEMENT PARK-SO YOU CAN SELL TICKETS FOR CHARITY!
BUT UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PARK . . .
PARK
SORRY, WONDER WOMAN! I JUST SOLD THE PARK AT A HANDSOME PROFIT!
SOLD! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO COME-TO BUY TICKETS FROM ME-FOR CHARITY?
I'VE ALREADY DISMISSED THE STAFF! HOW CAN YOU RUN THE RIDES WITHOUT HELP?


I'LL RUN THE RIDES MYSELF! WE CAN'T LET CHARITY BE THE LOSER!
IMPOSSIBLE! IT TAKES A STAFF OF A HUNDRED TO OPERATE THE RIDES!
YOU MUST GIVE ME THE CHANCE! MANY WORTHY CHARITIES ARE DEPENDING ON THE TICKETS SOLD TONIGHT! PLEASE —!
ALL RIGHT, WONDER WOMAN! BUT THE FIRST TIME YOU FAIL TO OPERATE A SINGLE RIDE – I'M CLOSING THE PARK!
UNSEEN, BUT WITHIN HEARING . . .
BOSS! YOU DIDN'T FIGURE ON WONDER WOMAN UPSETTIN' YOUR PLAN!
SHE HASN'T UPSET IT YET! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS MAKE SURE SHE CAN'T OPERATE THE RIDES – SO THEY'LL CLOSE THE PARK–!
YOU DON'T THINK WONDER WOMAN HAS A CHANCE AGAINST US – WITH MILLIONS AT STAKE?
A FEW HOURS LATER . . . PEOPLE THRONG TO SEE THE FAMOUS AMAZON . . .
DARLING – IF THIS KEEPS UP – THE CHARITIES WILL BE ABLE TO HELP MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER!
TICKETS
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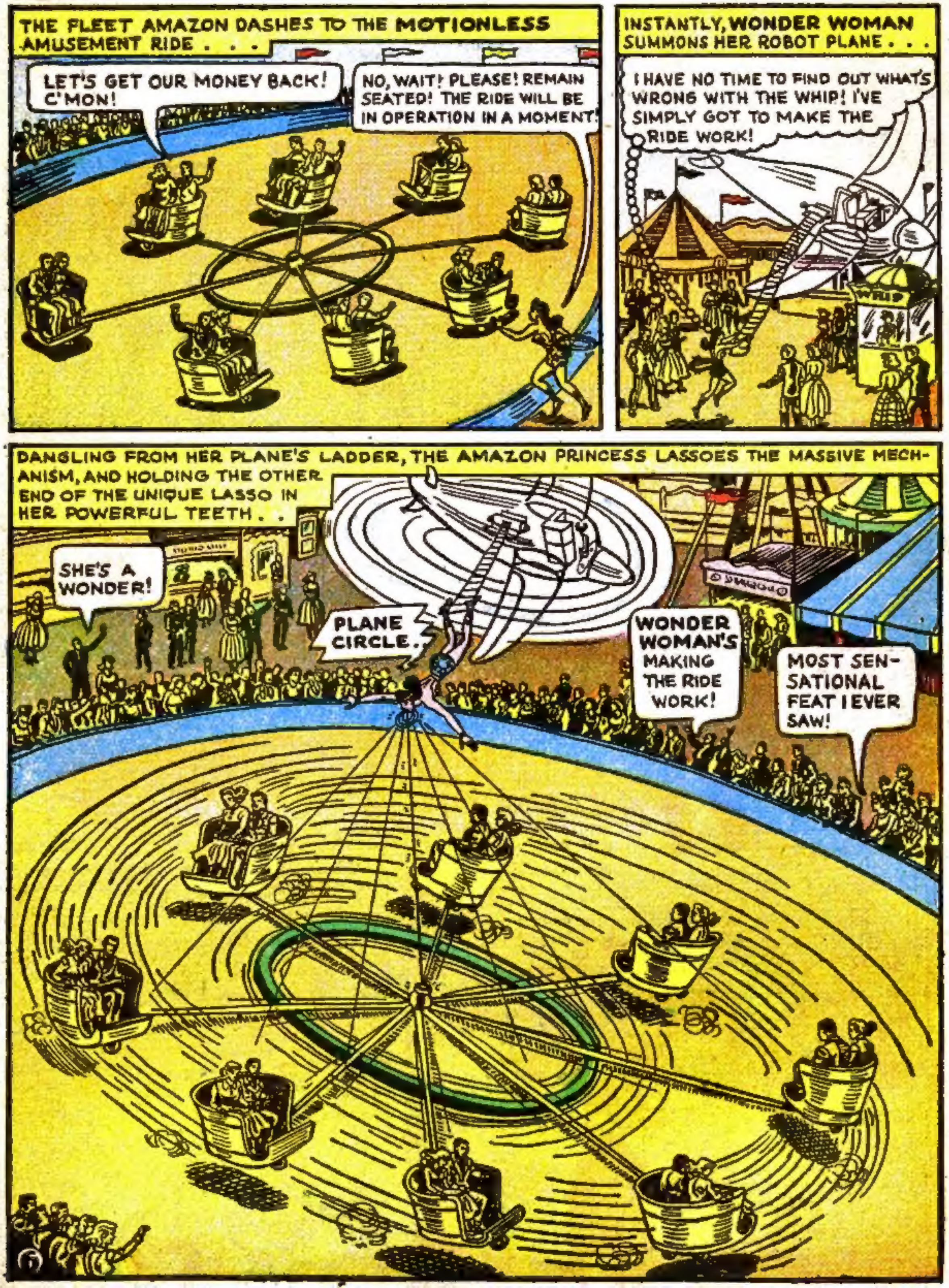
SUDDENLY . . .
WONDER WOMAN! THE WHIP ISN'T WORKING! AND THE PEOPLE ARE WAITING! REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE! IF YOU CAN'T GET IT TO WORK – I'M CLOSING THE PARK – AND HAVING THE RIDES DISMANTLED AND SENT TO THE NEW OWNER!
SUFFERING SAPPHO! I CAN'T LET THE CHARITIES AND THE POOR PEOPLE DEPENDING ON THEM SUFFER!


THE FLEET AMAZON DASHES TO THE MOTIONLESS AMUSEMENT RIDE . . .
LET'S GET OUR MONEY BACK! C'MON!
NO, WAIT! PLEASE! REMAIN SEATED! THE RIDE WILL BE IN OPERATION IN A MOMENT!
INSTANTLY, WONDER WOMAN SUMMONS HER ROBOT PLANE . . .
I HAVE NO TIME TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WHIP! I'VE SIMPLY GOT TO MAKE THE RIDE WORK!
WHIP
DANGLING FROM HER PLANE'S LADDER, THE AMAZON PRINCESS LASSOES THE MASSIVE MECHANISM, AND HOLDING THE OTHER END OF THE UNIQUE LASSO IN HER POWERFUL TEETH . . .
SHE'S A WONDER!
PLANE CIRCLE.
WONDER WOMAN'S MAKING THE RIDE WORK!
MOST SENSATIONAL FEAT I EVER SAW!
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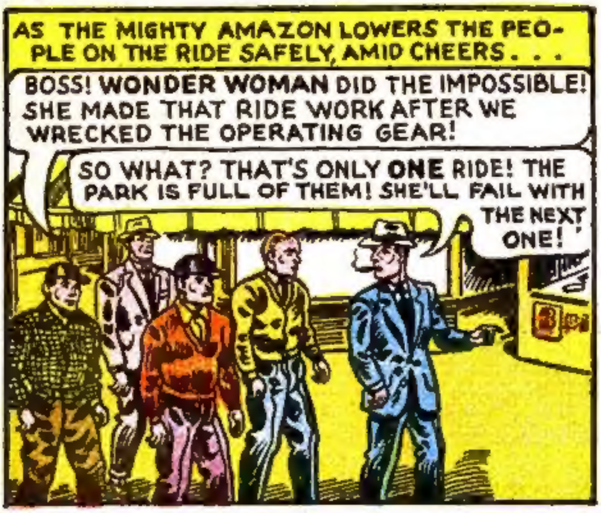
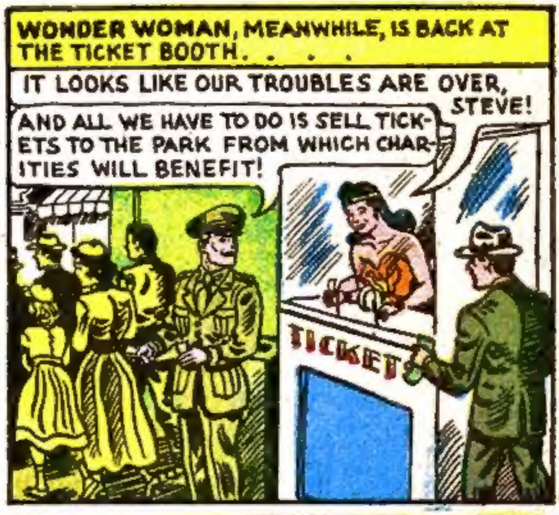
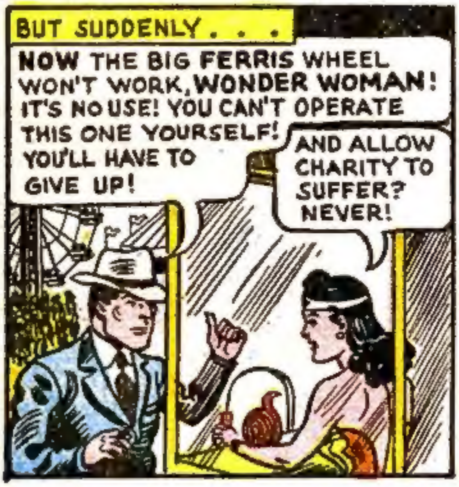
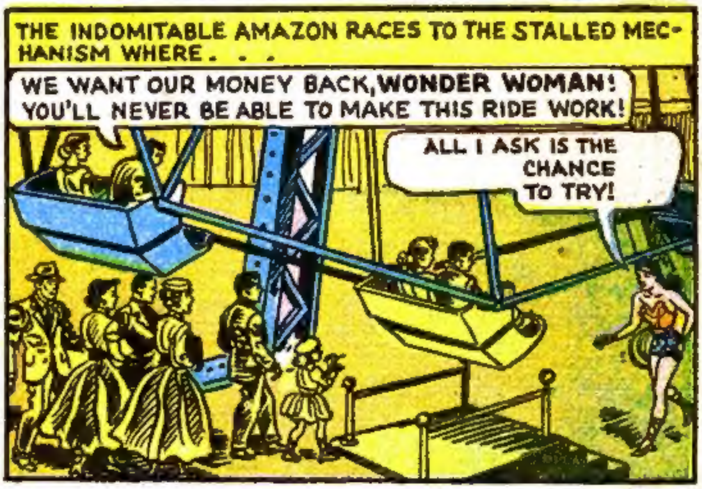
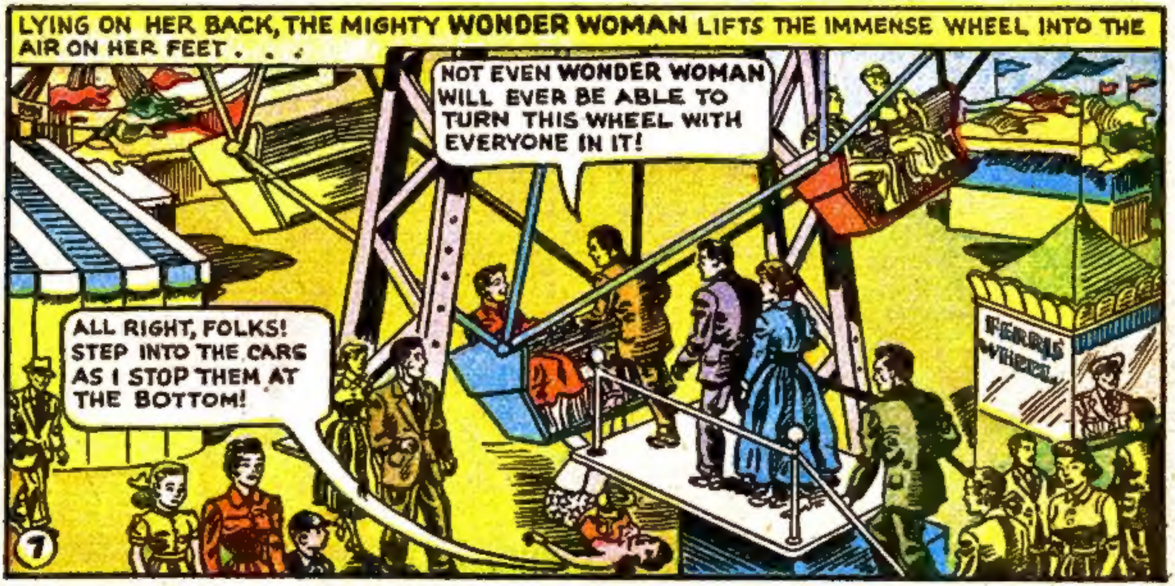
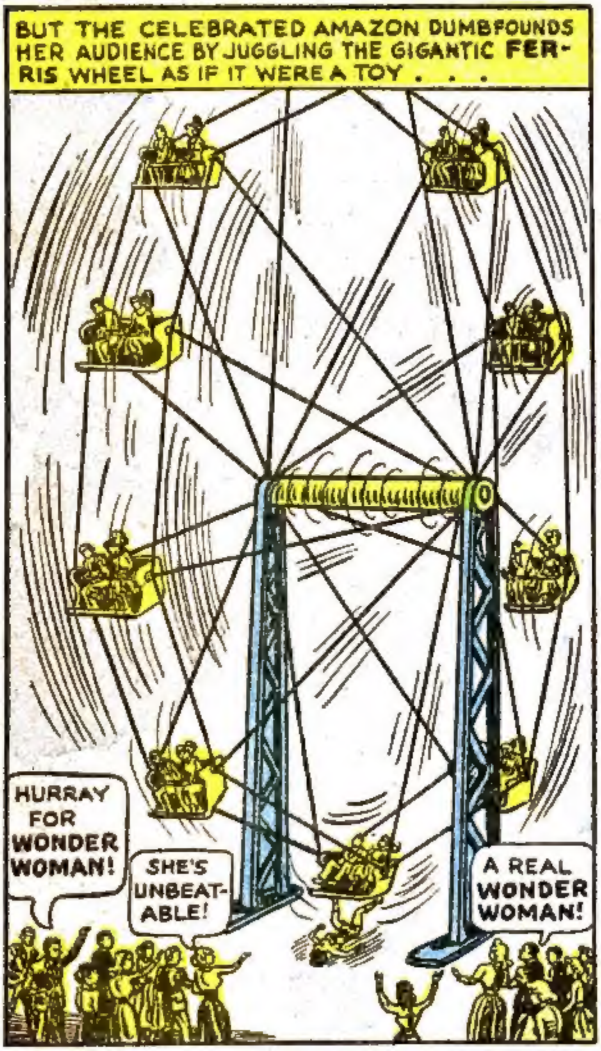

AS THE MIGHTY AMAZON LOWERS THE PEOPLE ON THE RIDE SAFELY, AMID CHEERS . . .
BOSS! WONDER WOMAN DID THE IMPOSSIBLE! SHE MADE THAT RIDE WORK AFTER WE WRECKED THE OPERATING GEAR!
SO WHAT? THAT'S ONLY ONE RIDE! THE PARK IS FULL OF THEM! SHE'LL FAIL WITH THE NEXT ONE!

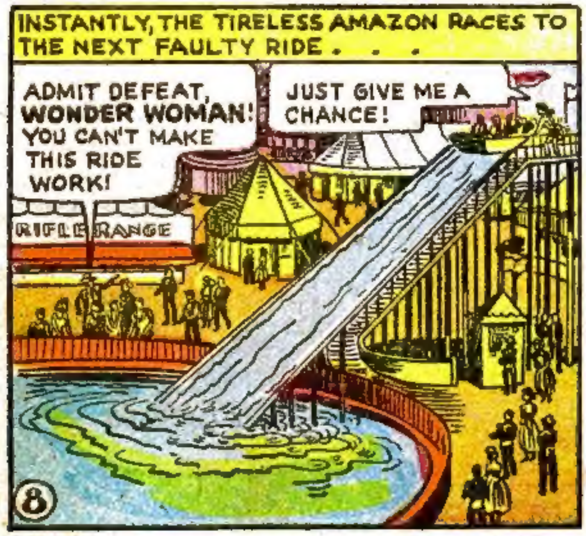

WONDER WOMAN, MEANWHILE, IS BACK AT THE TICKET BOOTH . . . .
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR TROUBLES ARE OVER, STEVE!
AND ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SELL TICKETS TO THE PARK FROM WHICH CHARITIES WILL BENEFIT!
TICKETS

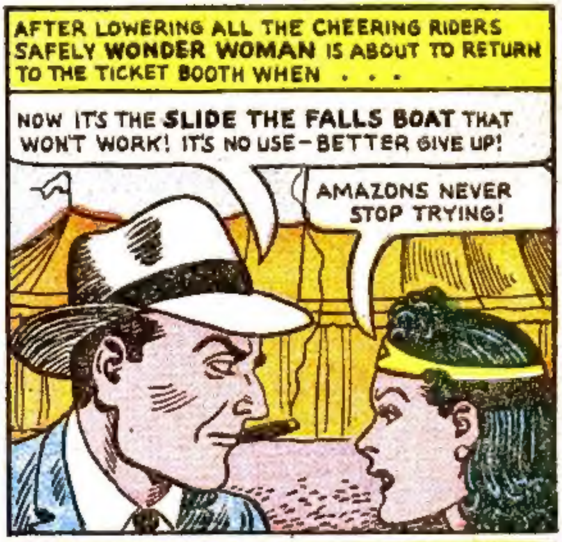

BUT SUDDENLY . . .
NOW THE BIG FERRIS WHEEL WON'T WORK, WONDER WOMAN! IT'S NO USE! YOU CAN'T OPERATE THIS ONE YOURSELF! YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP!
AND ALLOW CHARITY TO SUFFER? NEVER!

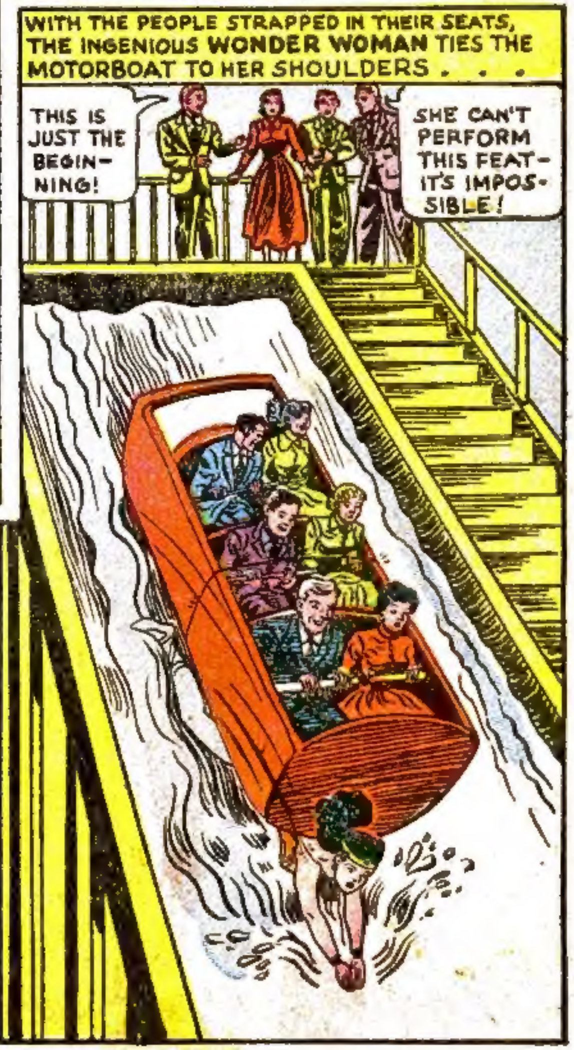

THE INDOMITABLE AMAZON RACES TO THE STALLED MECHANISM WHERE . . .
WE WANT OUR MONEY BACK, WONDER WOMAN! YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS RIDE WORK!
ALL I ASK IS THE CHANCE TO TRY!

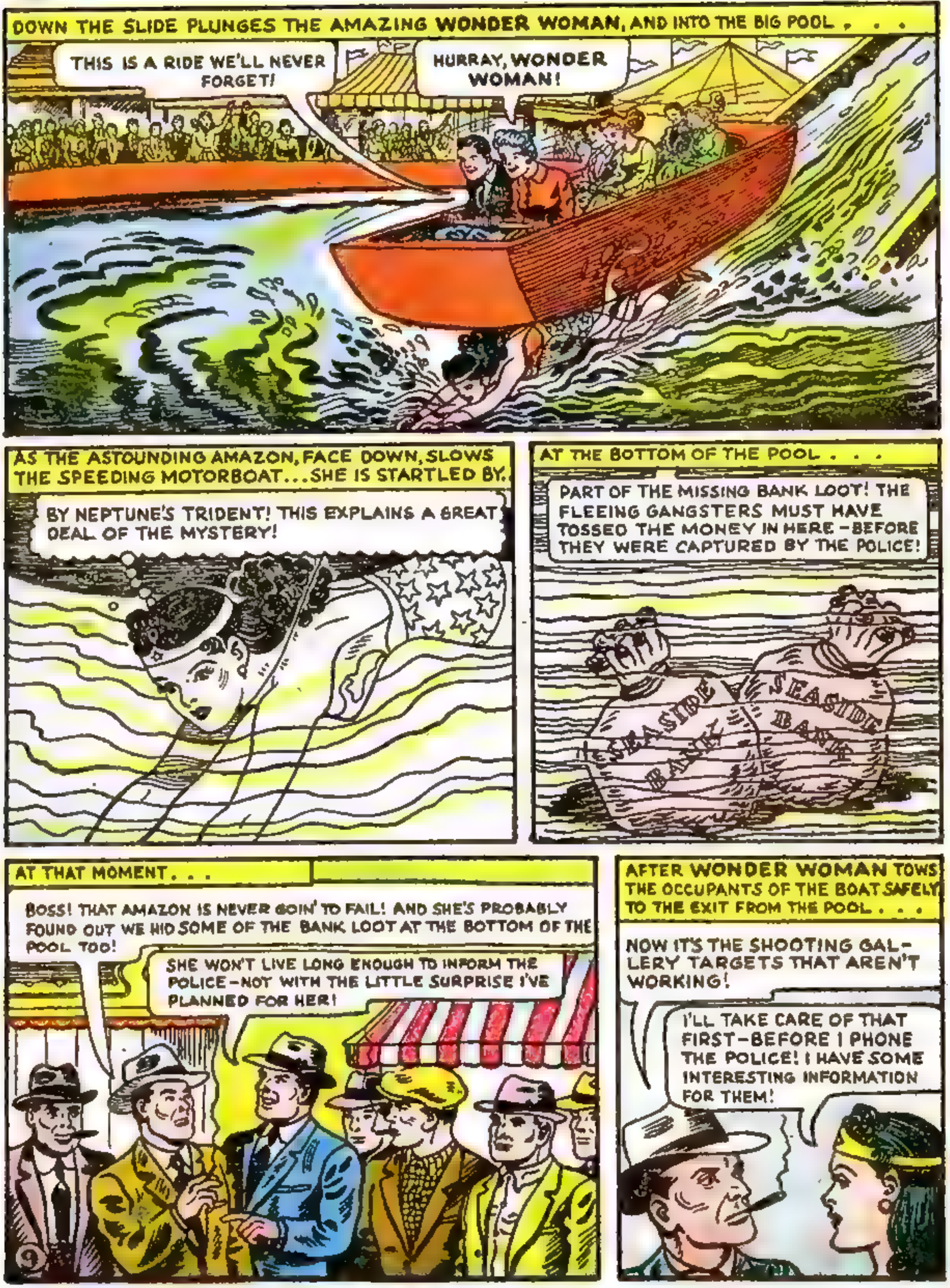

LYING ON HER BACK, THE MIGHTY WONDER WOMAN LIFTS THE IMMENSE WHEEL INTO THE AIR ON HER FEET . . .
NOT EVEN WONDER WOMAN WILL EVER BE ABLE TO TURN THIS WHEEL WITH EVERYONE IN IT!
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS! STEP INTO THE CARS AS I STOP THEM AT THE BOTTOM!
FERRIS WHEEL

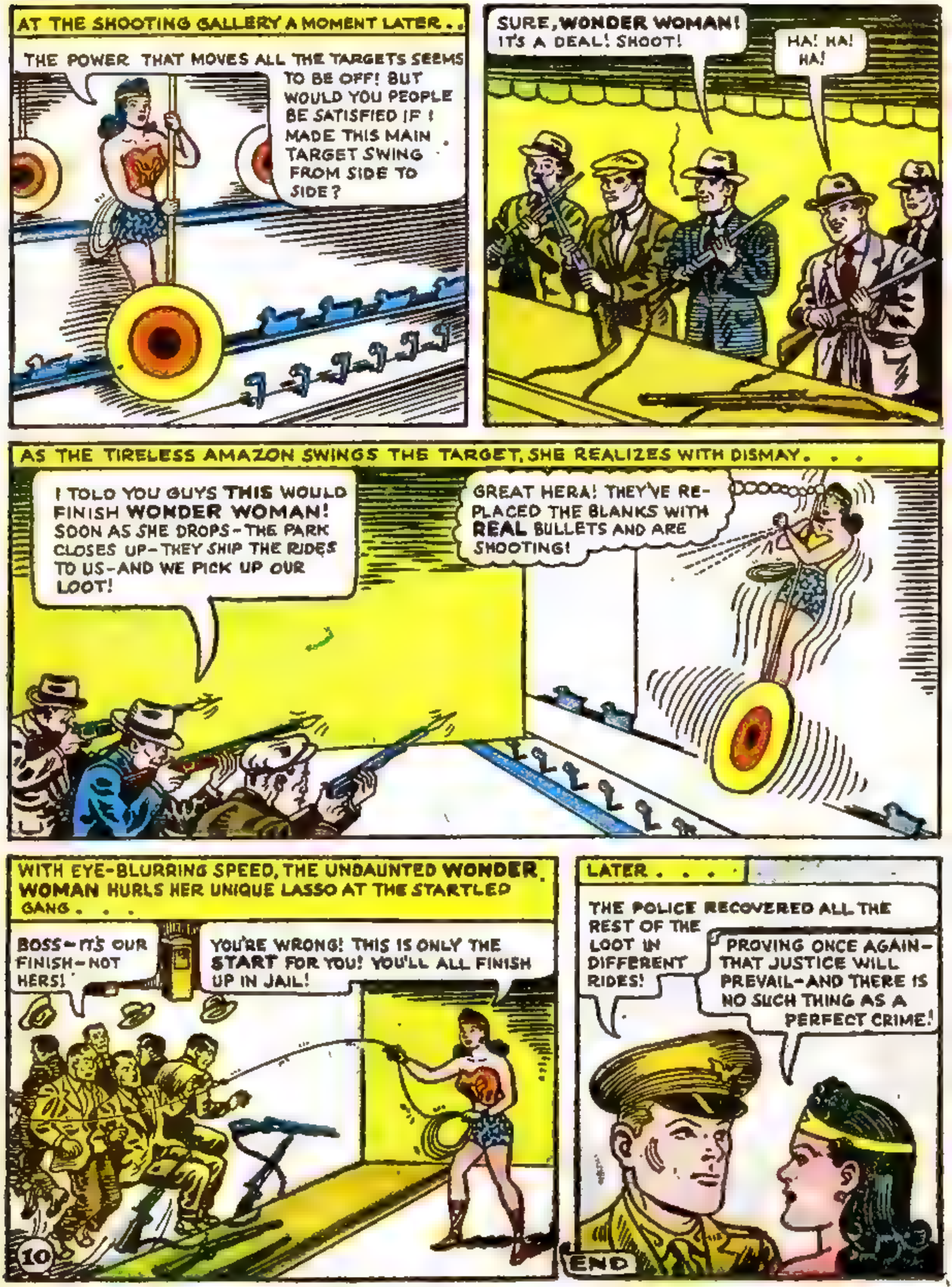

BUT THE CELEBRATED AMAZON DUMBFOUNDS HER AUDIENCE BY JUGGLING THE GIGANTIC FERRIS WHEEL AS IF IT WERE A TOY . . .
HURRAY FOR WONDER WOMAN!
SHE'S UNBEATABLE!
A REAL WONDER WOMAN!


INSTANTLY, THE TIRELESS AMAZON RACES TO THE NEXT FAULTY RIDE . . .
ADMIT DEFEAT, WONDER WOMAN! YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS RIDE WORK!
JUST GIVE ME A CHANCE!
RIFLE RANGE


AFTER LOWERING ALL THE CHEERING RIDERS SAFELY WONDER WOMAN IS ABOUT TO RETURN TO THE TICKET BOOTH WHEN . . .
NOW IT'S THE SLIDE THE FALLS BOAT THAT WON'T WORK! IT'S NO USE—BETTER GIVE UP!
AMAZONS NEVER STOP TRYING!


WITH THE PEOPLE STRAPPED IN THEIR SEATS, THE INGENIOUS WONDER WOMAN TIES THE MOTORBOAT TO HER SHOULDERS . . .
THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!
SHE CAN'T PERFORM THIS FEAT—IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!


DOWN THE SLIDE PLUNGES THE AMAZING WONDER WOMAN, AND INTO THE BIG POOL . . .
THIS IS A RIDE WE'LL NEVER FORGET!
HURRAY, WONDER WOMAN!
AS THE ASTOUNDING AMAZON, FACE DOWN, SLOWS THE SPEEDING MOTORBOAT...SHE IS STARTLED BY.
BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT! THIS EXPLAINS A GREAT DEAL OF THE MYSTERY!
AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL . . .
PART OF THE MISSING BANK LOOT! THE FLEEING GANGSTERS MUST HAVE TOSSED THE MONEY IN HERE–BEFORE THEY WERE CAPTURED BY THE POLICE!
SEASIDE BANK
SEASIDE BANK
AT THAT MOMENT. . .
BOSS! THAT AMAZON IS NEVER GOIN' TO FAIL! AND SHE'S PROBABLY FOUND OUT WE HID SOME OF THE BANK LOOT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL TOO!
SHE WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO INFORM THE POLICE–NOT WITH THE LITTLE SURPRISE I'VE PLANNED FOR HER!
AFTER WONDER WOMAN TOWS THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BOAT SAFELY TO THE EXIT FROM THE POOL . . .
NOW IT'S THE SHOOTING GALLERY TARGETS THAT AREN'T WORKING!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT FIRST–BEFORE I PHONE THE POLICE! I HAVE SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION FOR THEM!


AT THE SHOOTING GALLERY A MOMENT LATER . .
THE POWER THAT MOVES ALL THE TARGETS SEEMS TO BE OFF! BUT WOULD YOU PEOPLE BE SATISFIED IF I MADE THIS MAIN TARGET SWING FROM SIDE TO SIDE?
SURE, WONDER WOMAN! IT'S A DEAL! SHOOT!
HA! HA! HA!
AS THE TIRELESS AMAZON SWINGS THE TARGET, SHE REALIZES WITH DISMAY. . . .
I TOLD YOU GUYS THIS WOULD FINISH WONDER WOMAN! SOON AS SHE DROPS-THE PARK CLOSES UP-THEY SHIP THE RIDES TO US-AND WE PICK UP OUR LOOT!
GREAT HERA! THEY'VE REPLACED THE BLANKS WITH REAL BULLETS AND ARE SHOOTING!
WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, THE UNDAUNTED WONDER WOMAN HURLS HER UNIQUE LASSO AT THE STARTLED GANG . . .
BOSS-IT'S OUR FINISH-NOT HERS!
YOU'RE WRONG! THIS IS ONLY THE START FOR YOU! YOU'LL ALL FINISH UP IN JAIL!
LATER . . .
THE POLICE RECOVERED ALL THE REST OF THE LOOT IN DIFFERENT RIDES!
PROVING ONCE AGAIN-THAT JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL-AND THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PERFECT CRIME!
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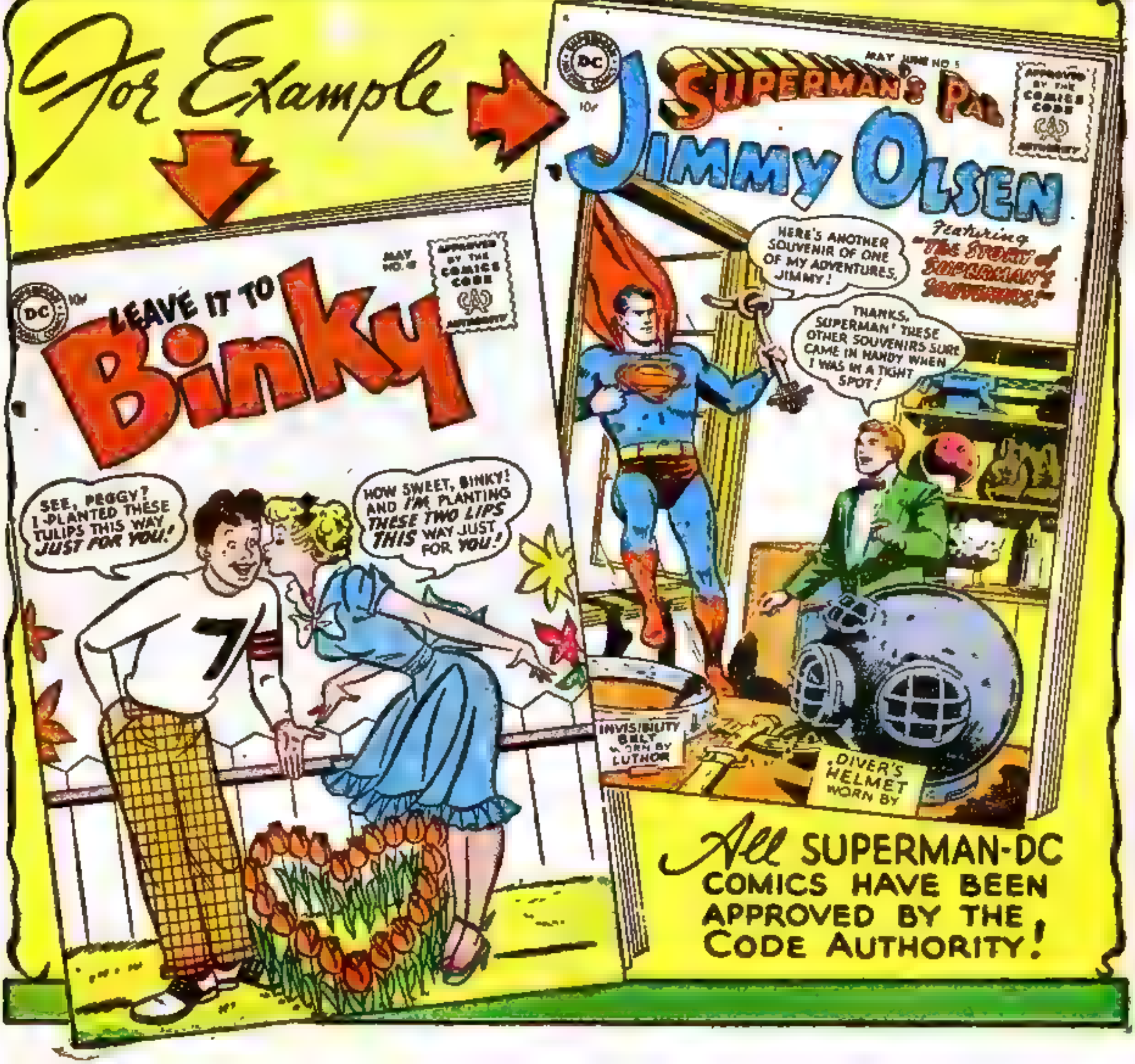
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HERE'S ANOTHER SOUVENIR OF ONE OF MY ADVENTURES, JIMMY!
THANKS, SUPERMAN! THESE OTHER SOUVENIRS SURE CAME IN HANDY WHEN I WAS IN A TIGHT SPOT!
INVISIBILITY BELT WORN BY LUTHOR
DIVER'S HELMET WORN BY
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LEAVE IT TO
Binky
SEE, PEGGY? I PLANTED THESE TULIPS THIS WAY JUST FOR YOU!
HOW SWEET, BINKY! AND I'M PLANTING THESE TWO LIPS THIS WAY JUST FOR YOU!
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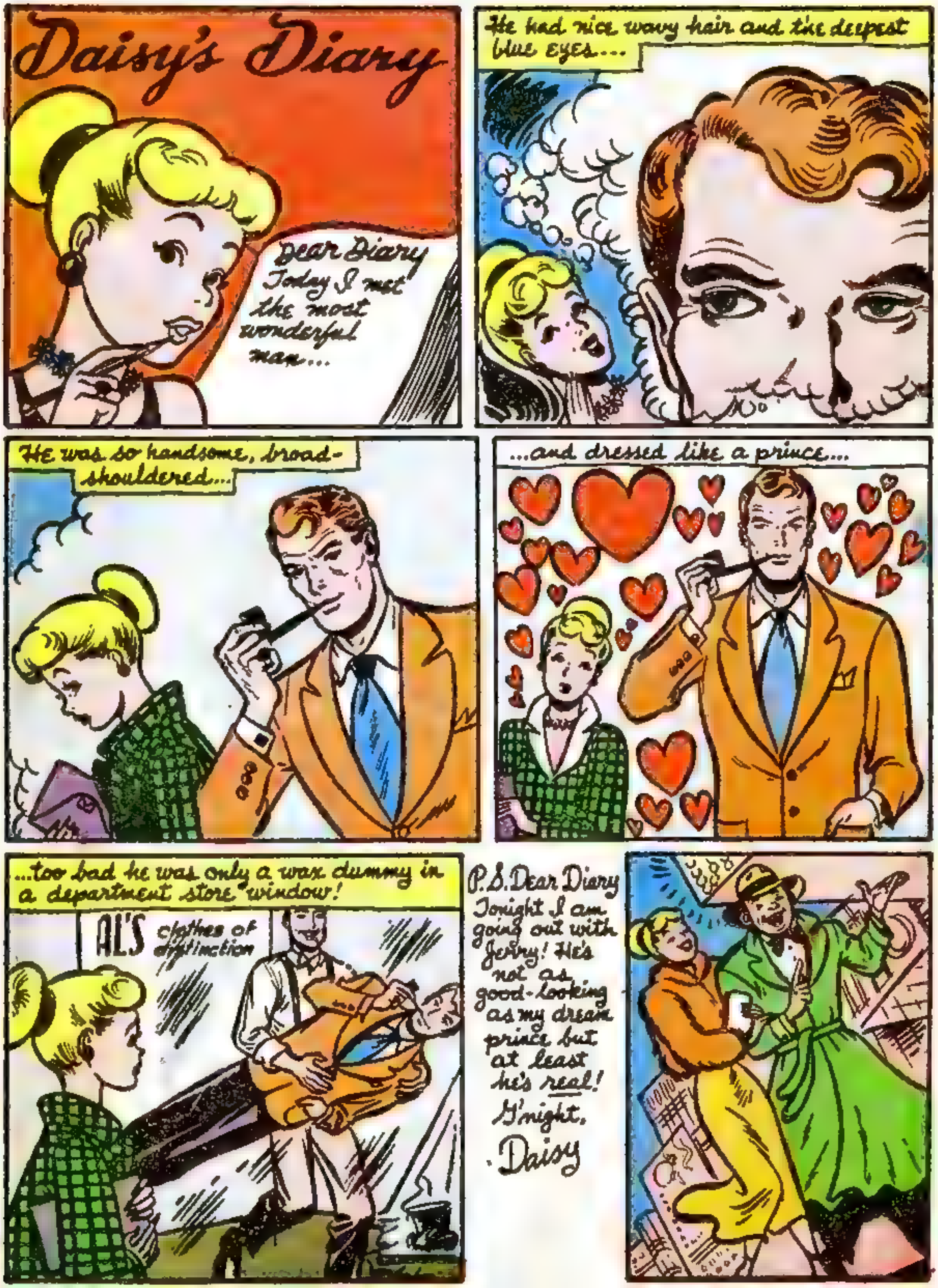
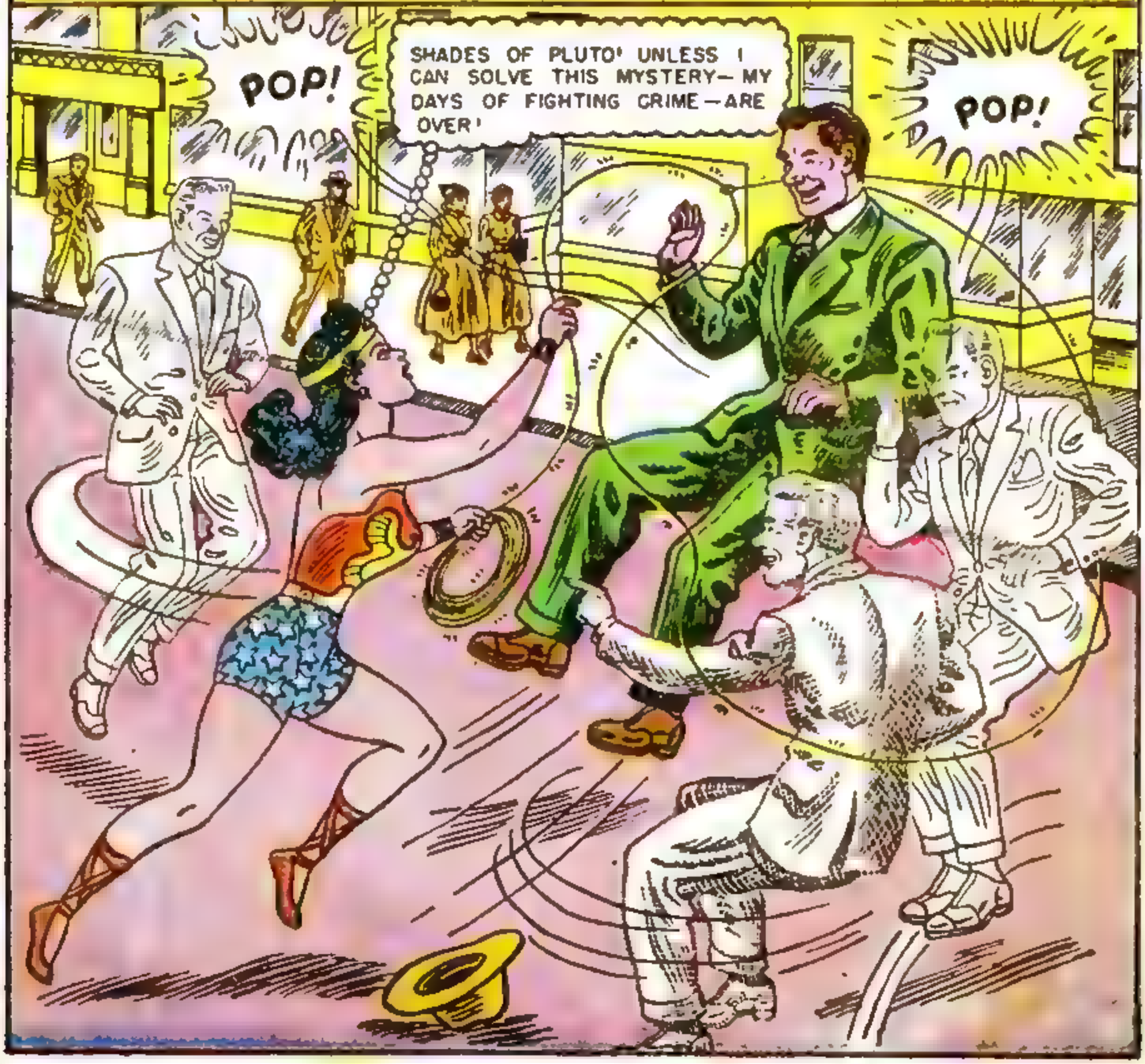

Daisy's Diary
Dear Diary Today I met the most wonderful man...
He had nice wavy hair and the deepest blue eyes...
He was so handsome, broad-shouldered...
...and dressed like a prince...
...too bad he was only a wax dummy in a department store window!
AL'S clothes of distinction
P.S. Dear Diary Tonight I am going out with Jerry! He's not as good-looking as my dream prince but at least he's real! G'night, Daisy

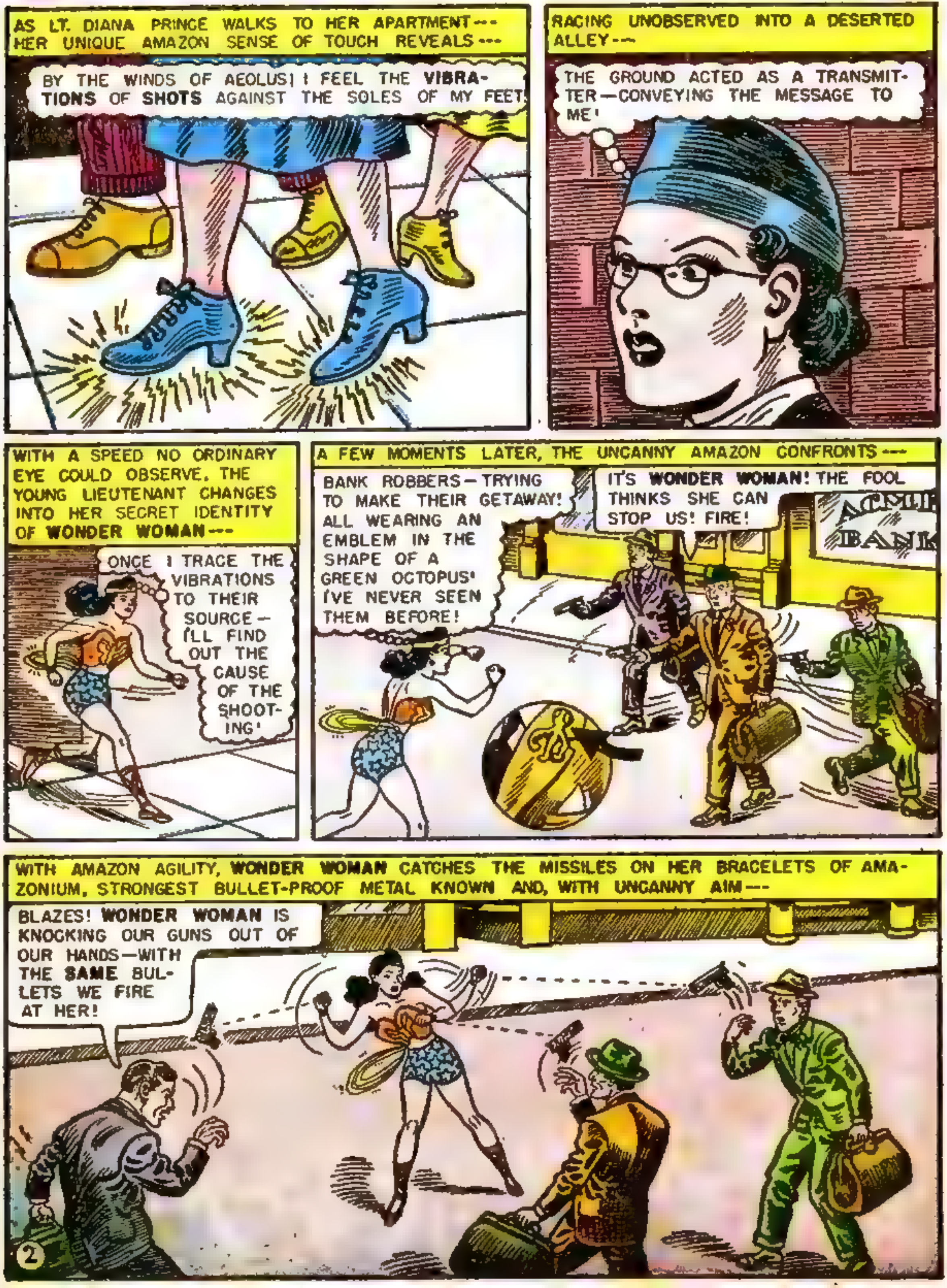
Wonder Woman

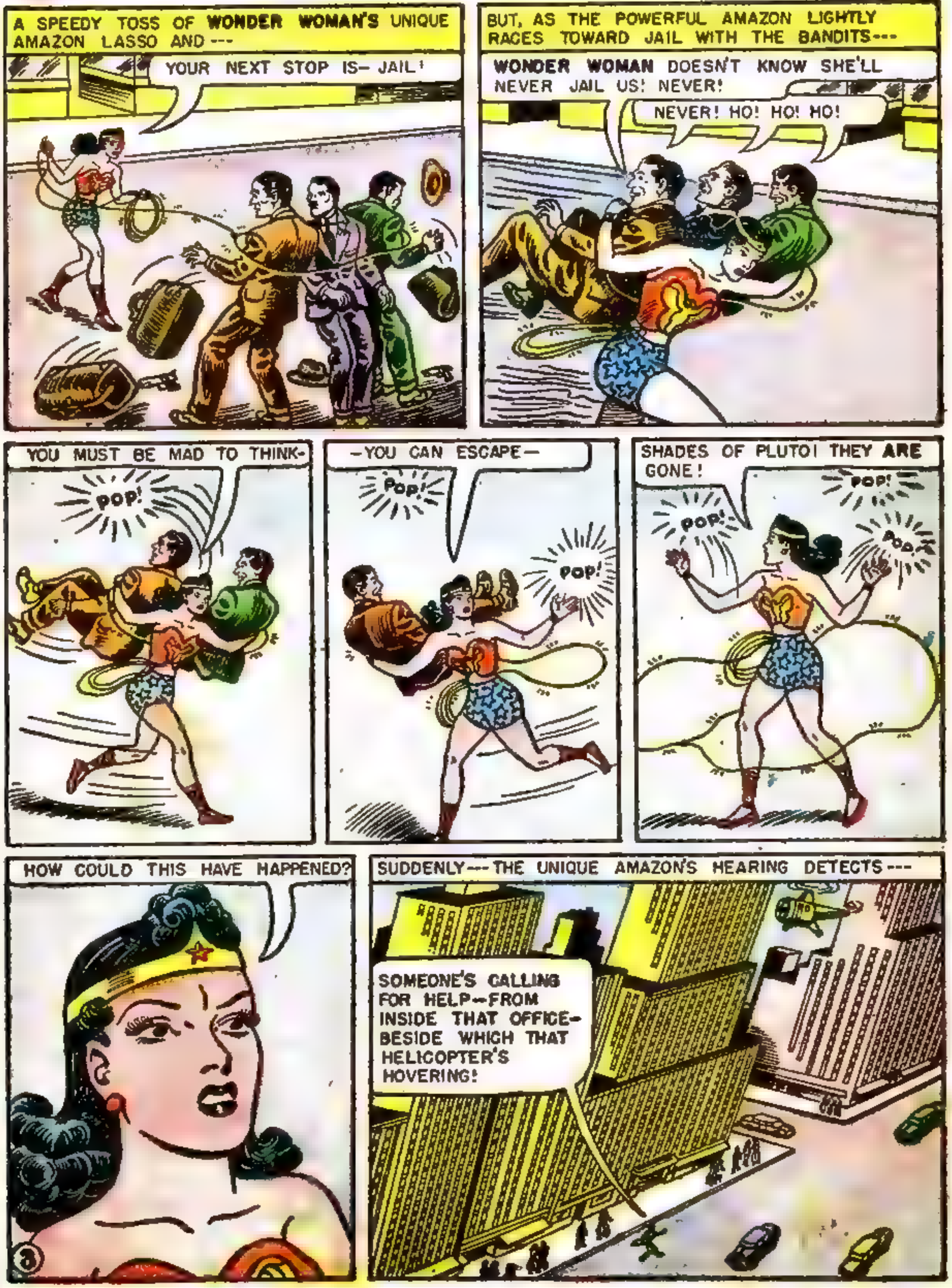
By CHARLES MOULTON

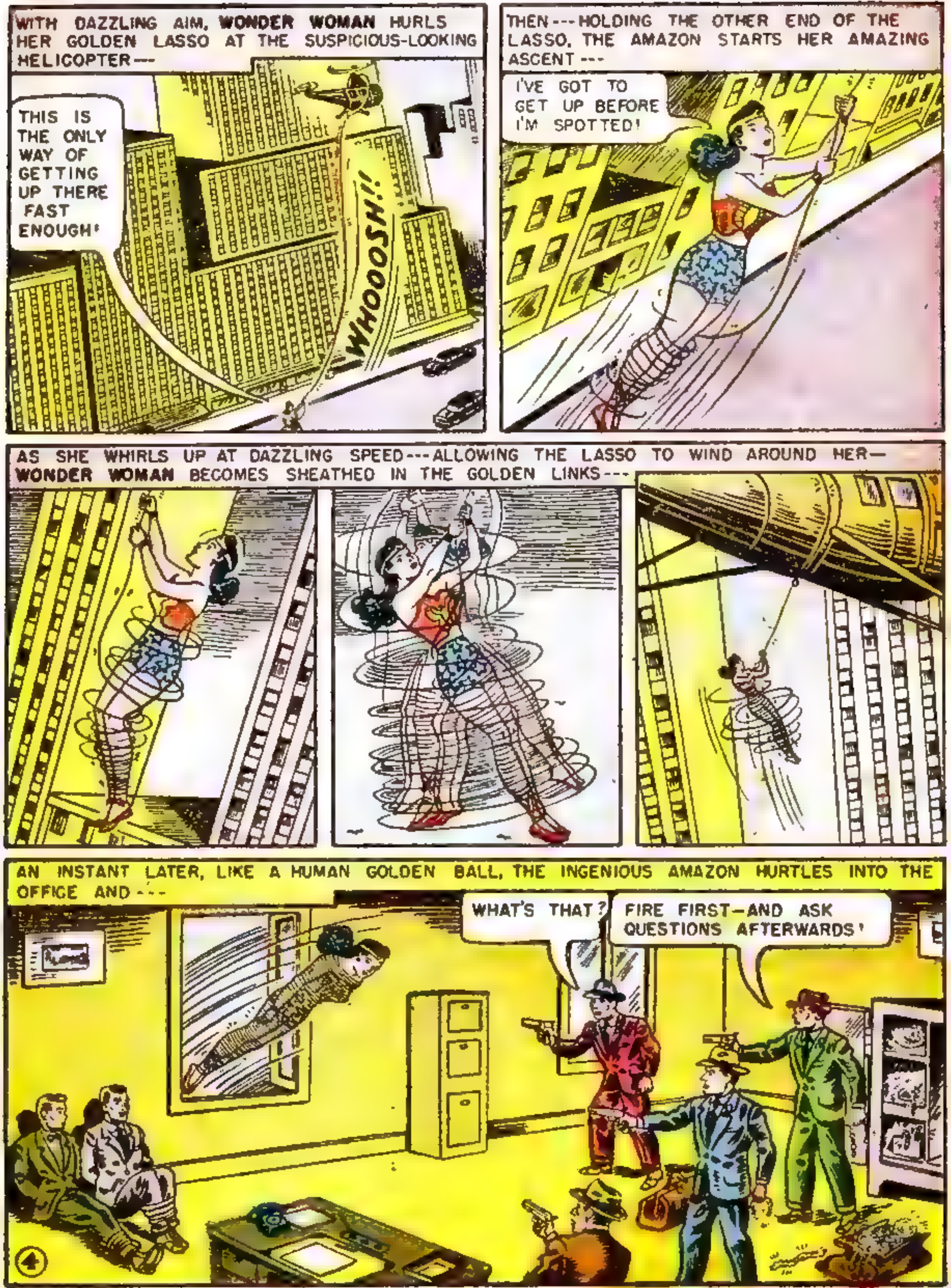
THE POWER OF A CRIME-FIGHTER DEPENDS UPON HIS ABILITY TO STOP CRIME! BUT WHEN **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—FINDS HERSELF MYSTERIOUSLY UNABLE TO BRING A SINGLE CRIMINAL TO JAIL EVEN AFTER SHE HAS CAPTURED HIM—IT SEEMS AS IF THE MIGHTY AMAZON'S THRILL-STUDDED CAREER IS OVER! THIS—AND COUNTLESS SURPRISES ARE IN STORE FOR YOU WHEN YOU READ ------

"The VANISHING VILLAINS!"


POP!
SHADES OF PLUTO! UNLESS I CAN SOLVE THIS MYSTERY—MY DAYS OF FIGHTING CRIME—ARE OVER!
POP!


AS LT. DIANA PRINCE WALKS TO HER APARTMENT--- HER UNIQUE AMAZON SENSE OF TOUCH REVEALS---
BY THE WINDS OF AEOLUS! I FEEL THE VIBRATIONS OF SHOTS AGAINST THE SOLES OF MY FEET!
RACING UNOBSERVED INTO A DESERTED ALLEY--
THE GROUND ACTED AS A TRANSMITTER—CONVEYING THE MESSAGE TO ME!
WITH A SPEED NO ORDINARY EYE COULD OBSERVE, THE YOUNG LIEUTENANT CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN---
ONCE I TRACE THE VIBRATIONS TO THEIR SOURCE—I'LL FIND OUT THE CAUSE OF THE SHOOTING!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE UNCANNY AMAZON CONFRONTS---
BANK ROBBERS—TRYING TO MAKE THEIR GETAWAY! ALL WEARING AN EMBLEM IN THE SHAPE OF A GREEN OCTOPUS! I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE!
IT'S WONDER WOMAN! THE FOOL THINKS SHE CAN STOP US! FIRE!
ACME BANK
WITH AMAZON AGILITY, WONDER WOMAN CATCHES THE MISSILES ON HER BRACELETS OF AMAZONIUM, STRONGEST BULLET-PROOF METAL KNOWN AND, WITH UNCANNY AIM---
BLAZES! WONDER WOMAN IS KNOCKING OUR GUNS OUT OF OUR HANDS—WITH THE SAME BULLETS WE FIRE AT HER!


A SPEEDY TOSS OF WONDER WOMAN'S UNIQUE AMAZON LASSO AND ---
YOUR NEXT STOP IS— JAIL!
BUT, AS THE POWERFUL AMAZON LIGHTLY RACES TOWARD JAIL WITH THE BANDITS---
WONDER WOMAN DOESN'T KNOW SHE'LL NEVER JAIL US! NEVER!
NEVER! HO! HO! HO!
YOU MUST BE MAD TO THINK-
POP!
—YOU CAN ESCAPE—
POP!
POP!
SHADES OF PLUTO! THEY ARE GONE!
POP!
POP!
POP!
HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED?
SUDDENLY--- THE UNIQUE AMAZON'S HEARING DETECTS---
SOMEONE'S CALLING FOR HELP--FROM INSIDE THAT OFFICE-BESIDE WHICH THAT HELICOPTER'S HOVERING!


WITH DAZZLING AIM, WONDER WOMAN HURLS HER GOLDEN LASSO AT THE SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING HELICOPTER---
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OF GETTING UP THERE FAST ENOUGH!
WHOOOSH!!
THEN---HOLDING THE OTHER END OF THE LASSO, THE AMAZON STARTS HER AMAZING ASCENT---
I'VE GOT TO GET UP BEFORE I'M SPOTTED!
AS SHE WHIRLS UP AT DAZZLING SPEED---ALLOWING THE LASSO TO WIND AROUND HER—WONDER WOMAN BECOMES SHEATHED IN THE GOLDEN LINKS---
AN INSTANT LATER, LIKE A HUMAN GOLDEN BALL, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON HURTLES INTO THE OFFICE AND---
WHAT'S THAT?
FIRE FIRST—AND ASK QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS!
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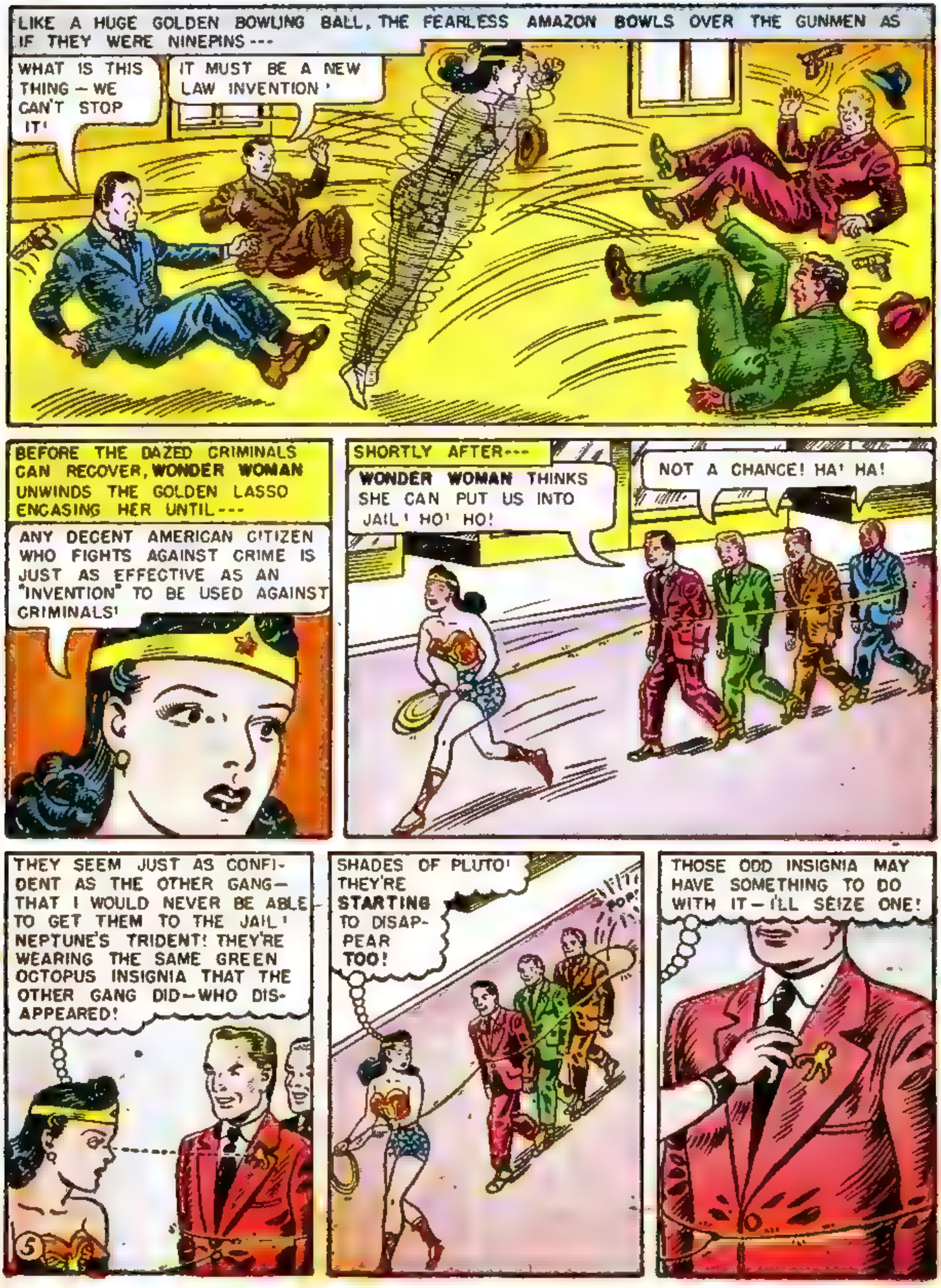
LIKE A HUGE GOLDEN BOWLING BALL, THE FEARLESS AMAZON BOWLS OVER THE GUNMEN AS IF THEY WERE NINEPINS---
WHAT IS THIS THING — WE CAN'T STOP IT!
IT MUST BE A NEW LAW INVENTION!
BEFORE THE DAZED CRIMINALS CAN RECOVER, WONDER WOMAN UNWINDS THE GOLDEN LASSO ENCASING HER UNTIL---
ANY DECENT AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO FIGHTS AGAINST CRIME IS JUST AS EFFECTIVE AS AN "INVENTION" TO BE USED AGAINST CRIMINALS!
SHORTLY AFTER---
WONDER WOMAN THINKS SHE CAN PUT US INTO JAIL! HO! HO!
NOT A CHANCE! HA! HA!
THEY SEEM JUST AS CONFIDENT AS THE OTHER GANG— THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THEM TO THE JAIL! NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT! THEY'RE WEARING THE SAME GREEN OCTOPUS INSIGNIA THAT THE OTHER GANG DID—WHO DISAPPEARED!
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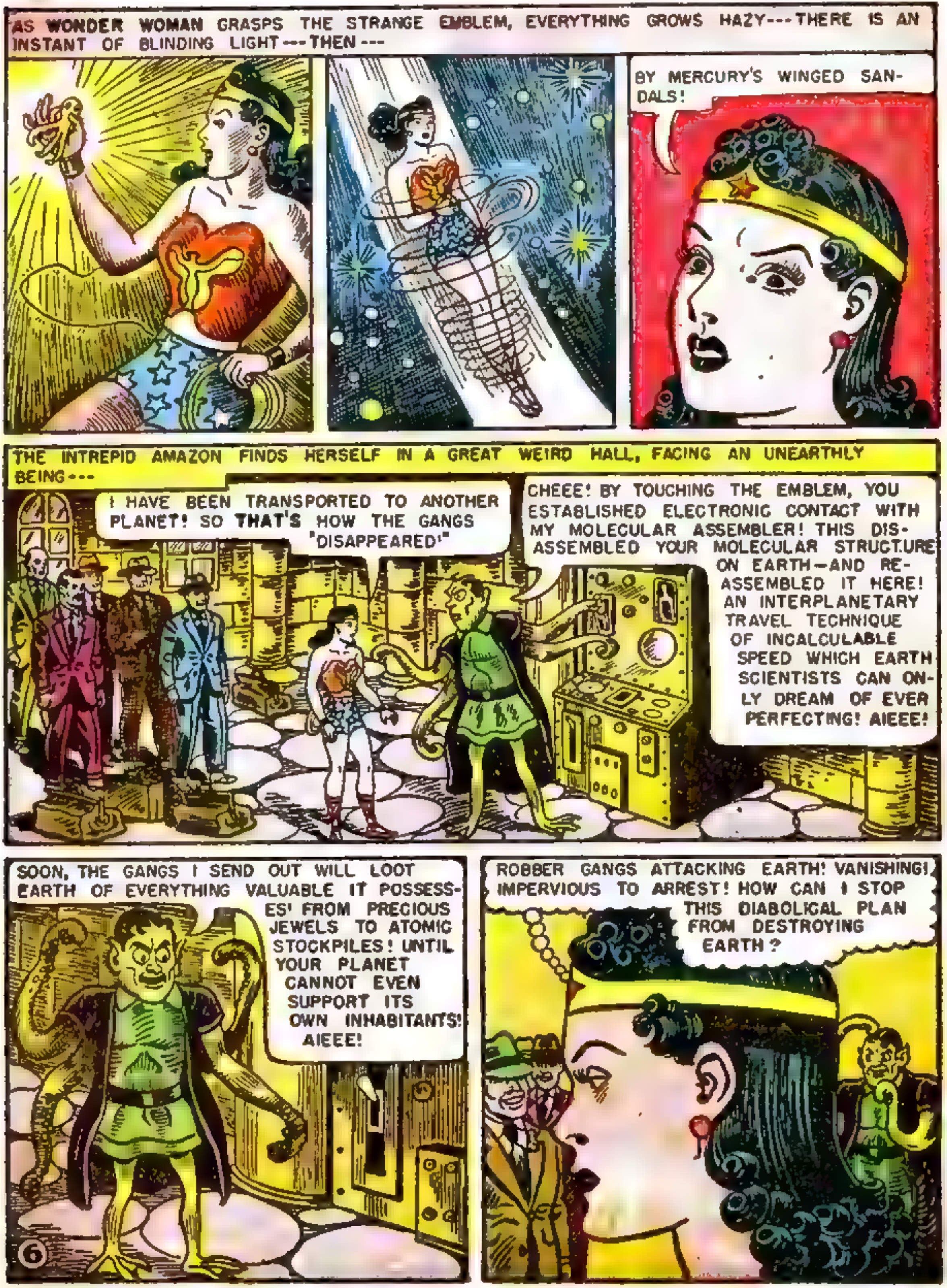
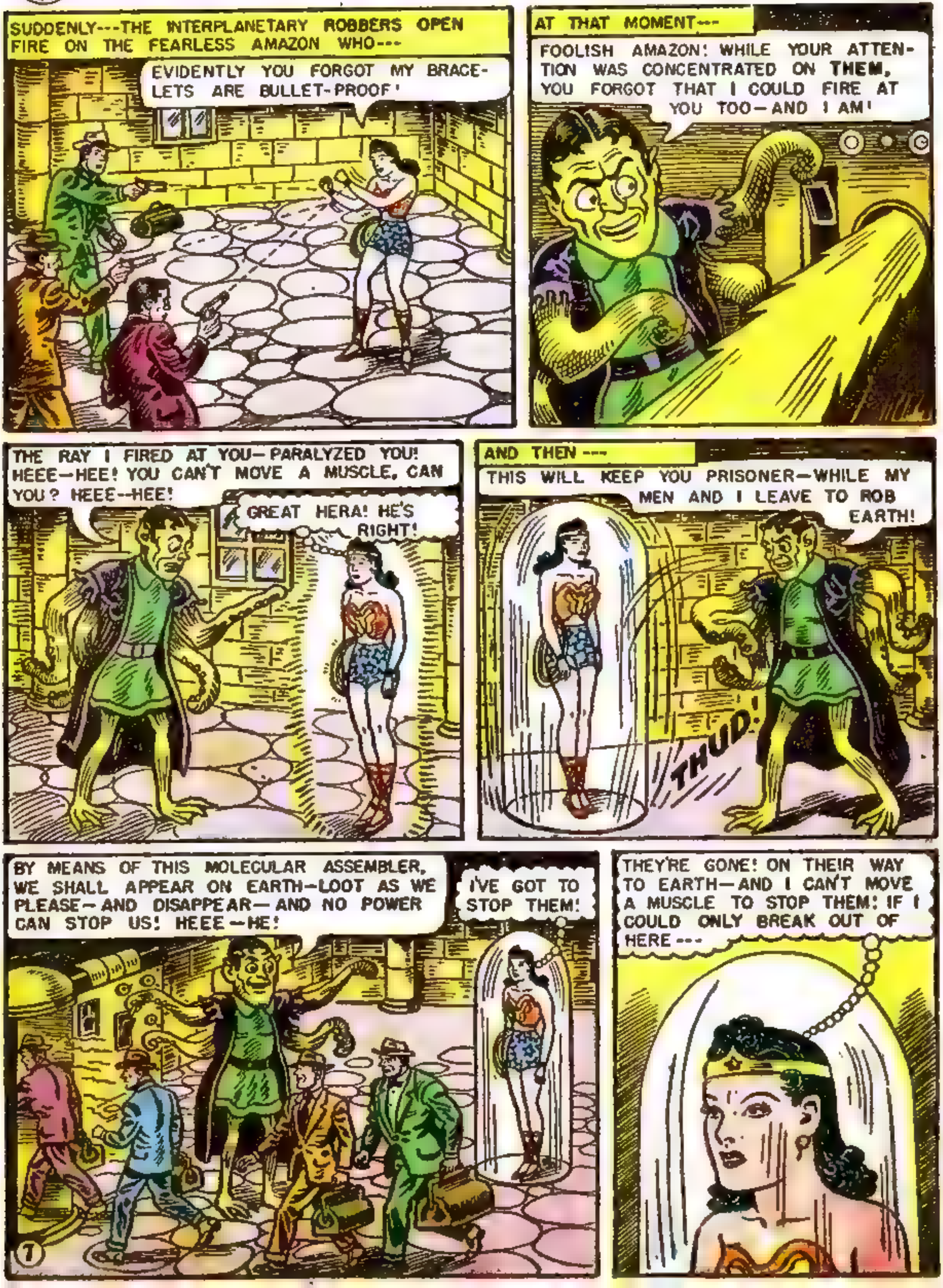
SHADES OF PLUTO! THEY'RE STARTING TO DISAPPEAR TOO!
POP!
THOSE ODD INSIGNIA MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT—I'LL SEIZE ONE!


AS WONDER WOMAN GRASPS THE STRANGE EMBLEM, EVERYTHING GROWS HAZY---THERE IS AN INSTANT OF BLINDING LIGHT---THEN---
BY MERCURY'S WINGED SANDALS!
THE INTREPID AMAZON FINDS HERSELF IN A GREAT WEIRD HALL, FACING AN UNEARTHLY BEING---
I HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER PLANET! SO THAT'S HOW THE GANGS 'DISAPPEARED!'
CHEEE! BY TOUCHING THE EMBLEM, YOU ESTABLISHED ELECTRONIC CONTACT WITH MY MOLECULAR ASSEMBLER! THIS DISASSEMBLED YOUR MOLECULAR STRUCTURE ON EARTH—AND REASSEMBLED IT HERE! AN INTERPLANETARY TRAVEL TECHNIQUE OF INCALCULABLE SPEED WHICH EARTH SCIENTISTS CAN ONLY DREAM OF EVER PERFECTING! AIEEE!
SOON, THE GANGS I SEND OUT WILL LOOT EARTH OF EVERYTHING VALUABLE IT POSSESSES! FROM PRECIOUS JEWELS TO ATOMIC STOCKPILES! UNTIL YOUR PLANET CANNOT EVEN SUPPORT ITS OWN INHABITANTS! AIEEE!
ROBBER GANGS ATTACKING EARTH! VANISHING! IMPERVIOUS TO ARREST! HOW CAN I STOP THIS DIABOLICAL PLAN FROM DESTROYING EARTH?


SUDDENLY---THE INTERPLANETARY ROBBERS OPEN FIRE ON THE FEARLESS AMAZON WHO---
EVIDENTLY YOU FORGOT MY BRACELETS ARE BULLET-PROOF!
AT THAT MOMENT---
FOOLISH AMAZON! WHILE YOUR ATTENTION WAS CONCENTRATED ON **THEM**, YOU FORGOT THAT I COULD FIRE AT YOU TOO—AND I AM!
THE RAY I FIRED AT YOU—PARALYZED YOU! HEEE—HEE! YOU CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE, CAN YOU? HEEE—HEE!
GREAT HERA! HE'S RIGHT!
AND THEN ---
THIS WILL KEEP YOU PRISONER—WHILE MY MEN AND I LEAVE TO ROB EARTH!
THUD!
BY MEANS OF THIS MOLECULAR ASSEMBLER, WE SHALL APPEAR ON EARTH—LOOT AS WE PLEASE—AND DISAPPEAR—AND NO POWER CAN STOP US! HEEE—HE!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!
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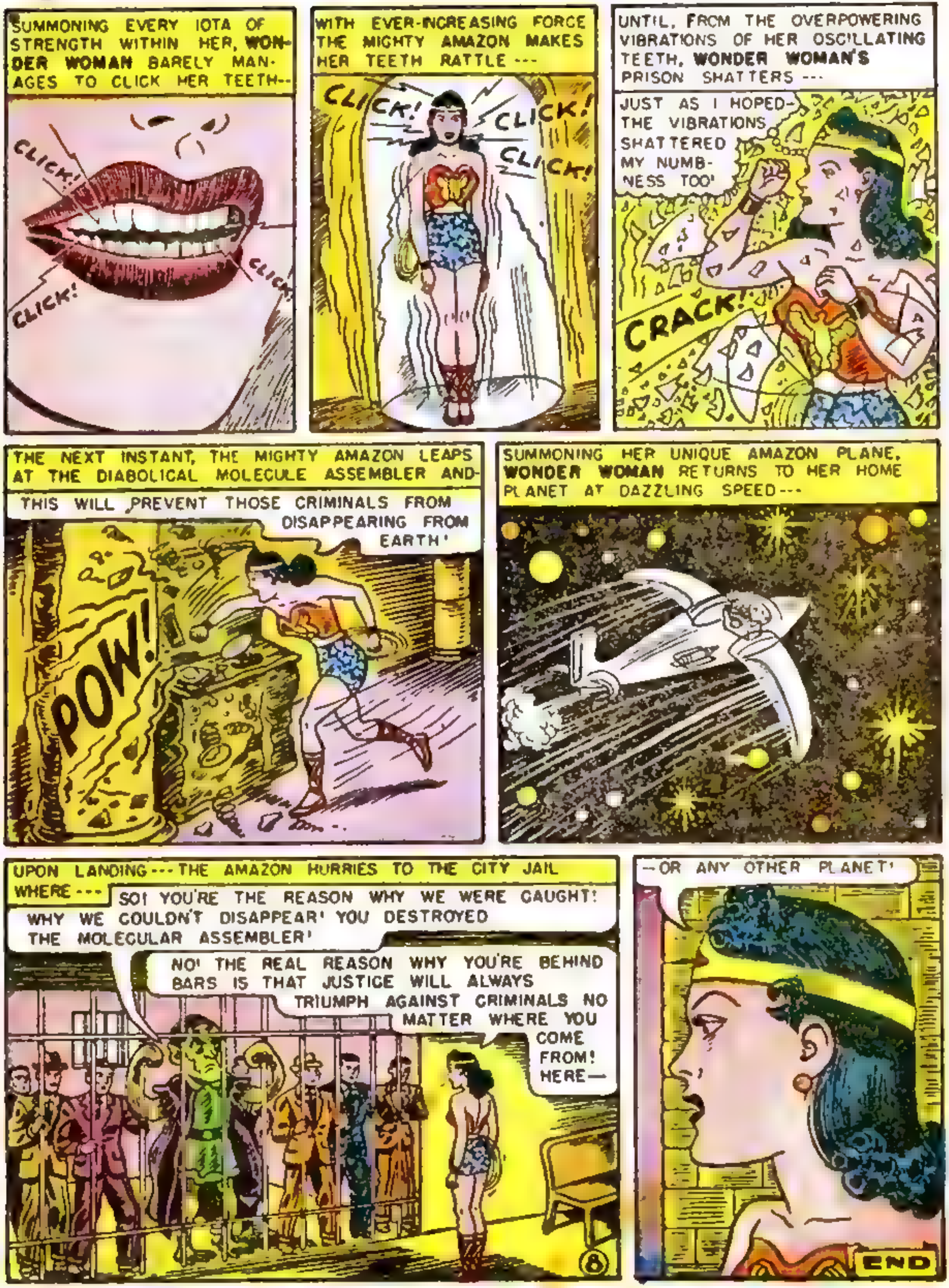
THEY'RE GONE! ON THEIR WAY TO EARTH—AND I CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE TO STOP THEM! IF I COULD ONLY BREAK OUT OF HERE ---


SUMMONING EVERY IOTA OF STRENGTH WITHIN HER, WONDER WOMAN BARELY MANAGES TO CLICK HER TEETH--
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
WITH EVER-INCREASING FORCE THE MIGHTY AMAZON MAKES HER TEETH RATTLE ---
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
UNTIL, FROM THE OVERPOWERING VIBRATIONS OF HER OSCILLATING TEETH, WONDER WOMAN'S PRISON SHATTERS ---
JUST AS I HOPED-- THE VIBRATIONS SHATTERED MY NUMBNESS TOO!
CRACK!
THE NEXT INSTANT, THE MIGHTY AMAZON LEAPS AT THE DIABOLICAL MOLECULE ASSEMBLER AND--
THIS WILL PREVENT THOSE CRIMINALS FROM DISAPPEARING FROM EARTH!
POW!
SUMMONING HER UNIQUE AMAZON PLANE, WONDER WOMAN RETURNS TO HER HOME PLANET AT DAZZLING SPEED---
UPON LANDING---THE AMAZON HURRIES TO THE CITY JAIL WHERE---
SO! YOU'RE THE REASON WHY WE WERE CAUGHT! WHY WE COULDN'T DISAPPEAR! YOU DESTROYED THE MOLECULAR ASSEMBLER!
NO! THE REAL REASON WHY YOU'RE BEHIND BARS IS THAT JUSTICE WILL ALWAYS TRIUMPH AGAINST CRIMINALS NO MATTER WHERE YOU COME FROM! HERE--
--OR ANY OTHER PLANET!
END

THE WORLD'S STRANGEST DOLLS

THE remarkable dolls being manufactured nowadays, and selling in department stores for considerable amounts, may strike us as the last word in dolldom. Actually, the ancients created dolls that were even more remarkable—and many of these can still be seen among primitive peoples.

Africa is producing some of the strangest dolls seen anywhere in the world today. The African toy dolls are made of wood, and sometimes of bone and clay. The Sudanese dolls are carved out of wood, but the heads and limbs are of clay.

In other parts of Africa, beads are used extensively. The Ashanti wooden dolls have hair made of beads, and the Basuto dolls wear many strings of beads. The Haussa dolls are made of wax, with glass beads used as nose ornaments. The Somali bone doll has a head of cloth, with eyes, nose and mouth formed by colored beads.

South Africa has originated an elaborate string of six performing dolls. These are connected by a thick leather thong. Native dolls at both ends of the thong cause the other dolls to perform a ritual dance.

Very strange are the Gold Coast dolls, made of a very light-colored wood. These are perfectly flat and shaped like a shovel. These dolls have no arms and legs.

Stranger still are the dolls of Zanzibar. The face and body of the Zanzibar doll is made of plaited palm leaves, while the arms and legs are cleverly made of nuts threaded together. The eyes and nose are made of stitched ribbon, and the decorations are supplied by beads.

Crudest of all African dolls are those the Kaffir children play with. The children make these dolls themselves out of clay. Roughly shaped, they are left to harden in the sun.

Some of the most ingenious dolls in the world are made by the Chinese doll makers. Chinese dolls are performers. Tumbling dolls are able to do intricate little gymnastic stunts, while the famous piano dolls dance when the piano is played. The secret of the piano dolls is in their skirts which are made of bristles which respond to the vibrations of the piano.

The early Japanese dolls were very crude, consisting of shaved willow sticks, with string or shavings for hair. But in time the Japanese became as skilled in the making of ingenious dolls as as the Chinese.

A strange custom grew up among the poorer families. A child would carry a doll on its back, and, as the child grew older, the size of the doll was increased. This custom had a practical application, for when the child was 10 years old or so, it was able to bear the burden of a younger brother or sister on its back.

Japan produces two distinct types of dolls—the toy doll known as Kimona, and the doll in court dress known as the Gosho doll.

Unique to Japan, is the annual Doll Festival. Celebrated twice a year, once for girls and again for boys, these strange ceremonies have been observed for a thousand years.

For the three days of the festival, little girls wait on and cook for their little dolls. And at the end of the festival, the child is deemed ready to serve in her home as a hostess. As for the Festival dolls, they are carefully put away and handed down. It is not uncommon to find dolls that are generations old in some families.

Unquestionably, the oldest dolls in the world are those made by the ancient Egyptians. Many of these dolls are still in existence, but they can be seen only in European museums.

The Egyptian dolls are even more ingenious than some of our modern dolls. Cleverly put together, their arms could be made to move by hidden strings, while others could speak by means of bellows.

Some of the Egyptian dolls were made of wood, while others were made of clay with hair attached by means of asphalt. That these dolls were treasured is proved by the fact that many of them were unearthed when tombs were opened.

The children of ancient Rome played with dolls not very different from our own, making clothes for them as our modern little girls do. But the Italian doll makers of the 16th Century turned to puppet dolls, which became famous the world over. One particular puppet-doll became internationally famous as the troublesome little Pinocchio.

England gave the world the still popular printed rag doll. It is believed that these dolls were actually printed on the Continent and sent across the Channel in sheet form. People then bought these forms and made the dolls themselves.

In 1607, Sir Walter Raleigh sent the first doll to America as a gift to an Indian child. The doll was gorgeously dressed in Elizabethan costume, and must have delighted its owner.

But the Indian children were familiar with dolls before Sir Walter made his gracious gift. The earliest American dolls were crude, consisting of cornhusk and whatever decorations could be added.

Later on, the Indians themselves produced really beautiful dolls. Fashioned from leather embroidered with glass beads, little Dakota and Blackfoot Indian girls lavished loving care on their "babies."

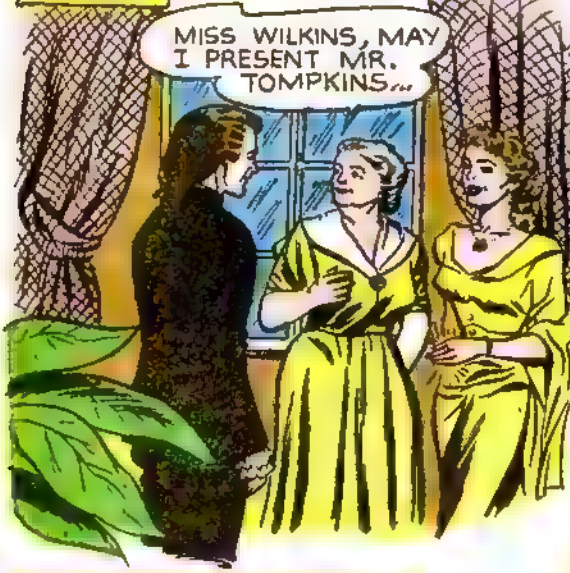
Very interesting are the State dolls, which are made from materials common to the states which they represent. For instance, the Connecticut State doll is a nutmeg doll, while Louisiana State dolls represent the king and queen of the Mardi Gras.

The Mexican skeleton dolls are perhaps the strangest on our Continent. These are cleverly made from coiled wire, and are sold with small cakes decorated with tiny skulls.

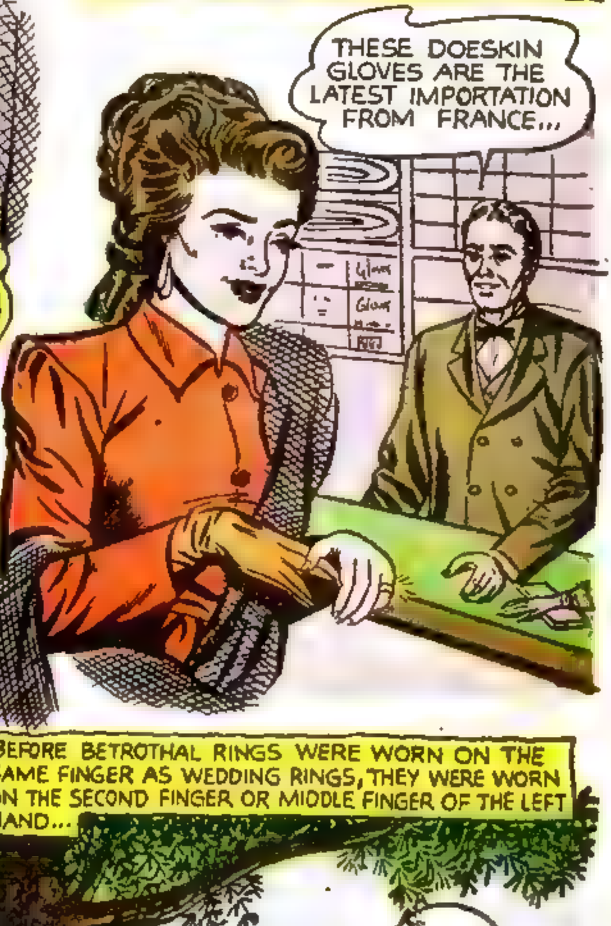
Equally strange is the minute Mexican dressed doll that sits on the head of a pin or in the eye of a needle. A curious variation of this lilliputian doll world is the one that is carved out of a single rice kernel and lives in a dollhouse carved out of a husk shell.

Sign of the RING!

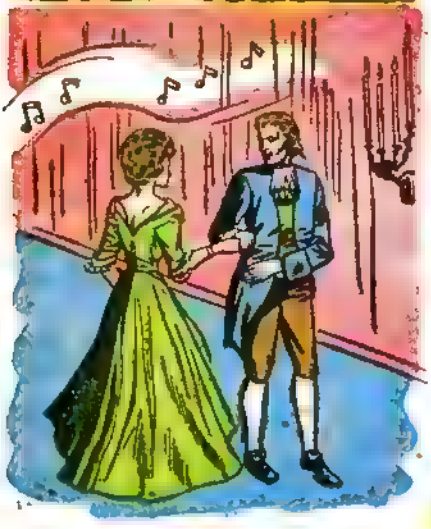
IN EARLIER DAYS, A RING WORN ON THE FIRST FINGER OF THE LEFT HAND INDICATED THAT THE WEARER WAS NEITHER ENGAGED NOR MARRIED, AND WAS ELIGIBLE FOR A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL...


MISS WILKINS, MAY I PRESENT MR. TOMPKINS...

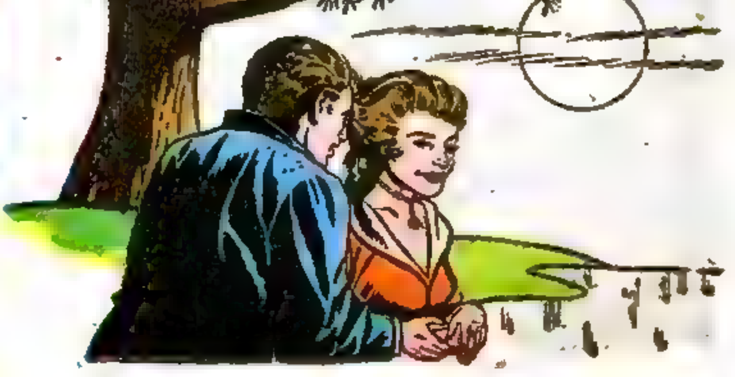
WHEN A SINGLE GIRL PREFERRED NOT TO ACCEPT ANY IMMEDIATE MARRIAGE PROPOSALS FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, SHE SIGNIFIED HER UNAVAILABILTY BY WEARING A RING ON THE LITTLE FINGER OF THE LEFT HAND...


THESE DOESKIN GLOVES ARE THE LATEST IMPORTATION FROM FRANCE...
Gloves
Gloves

A BACHELOR WHO HAD IRREVOCABLY MADE UP HIS MIND NEVER TO MARRY, SPORTED A PLAIN BAND ON HIS LEFT SMALL FINGER...



BEFORE BETROTHAL RINGS WERE WORN ON THE SAME FINGER AS WEDDING RINGS, THEY WERE WORN ON THE SECOND FINGER OR MIDDLE FINGER OF THE LEFT HAND...

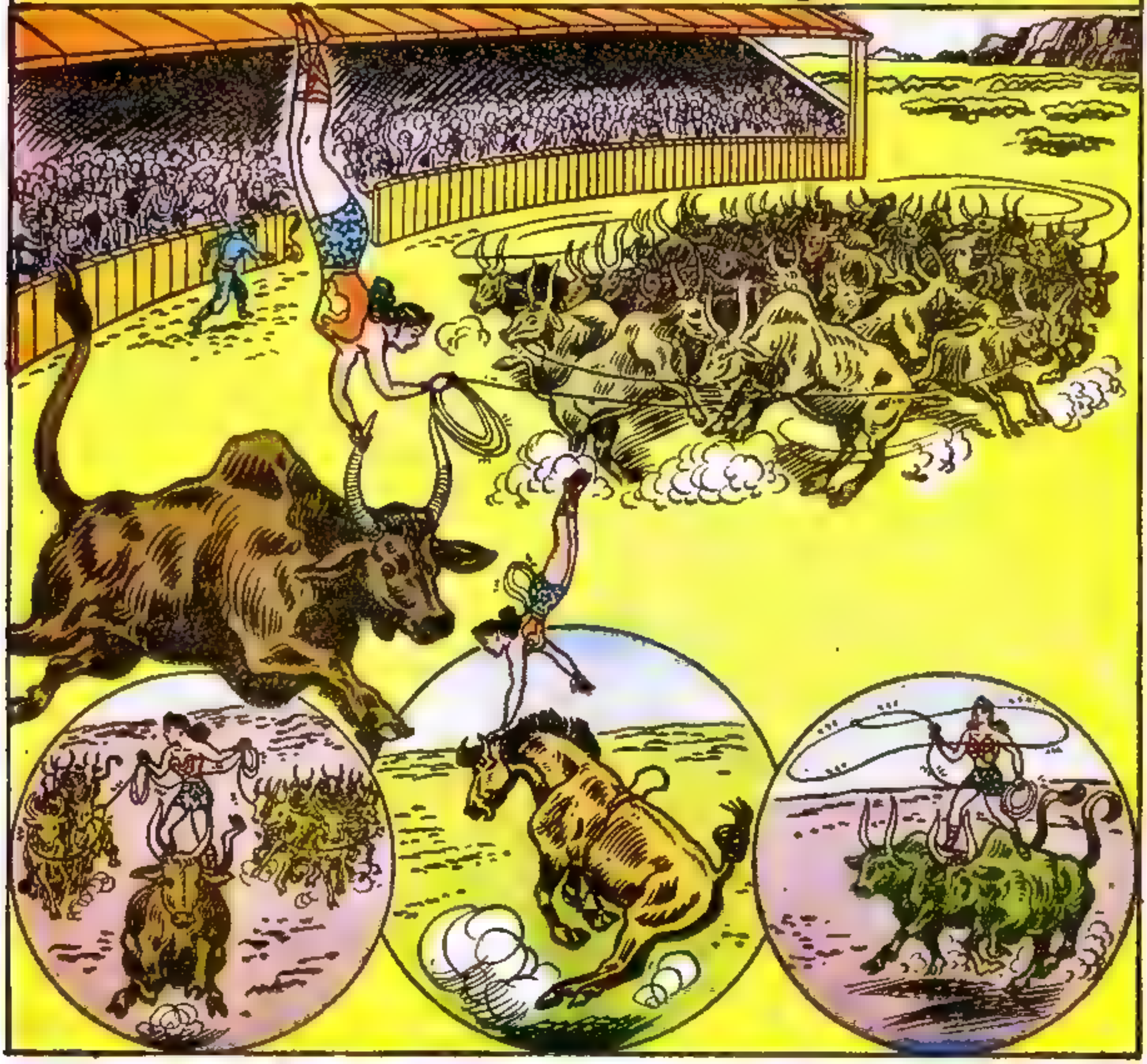


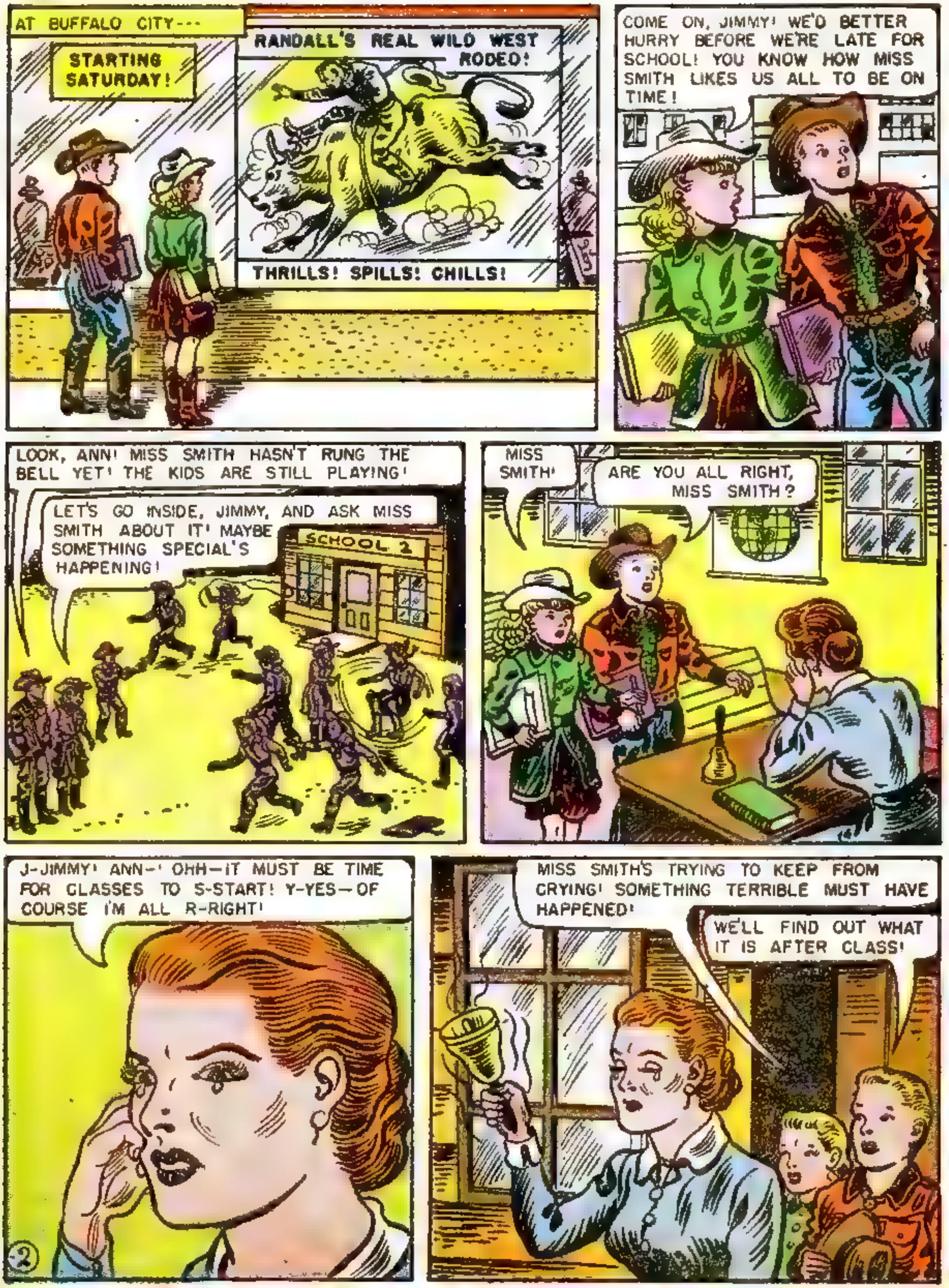
Wonder Woman

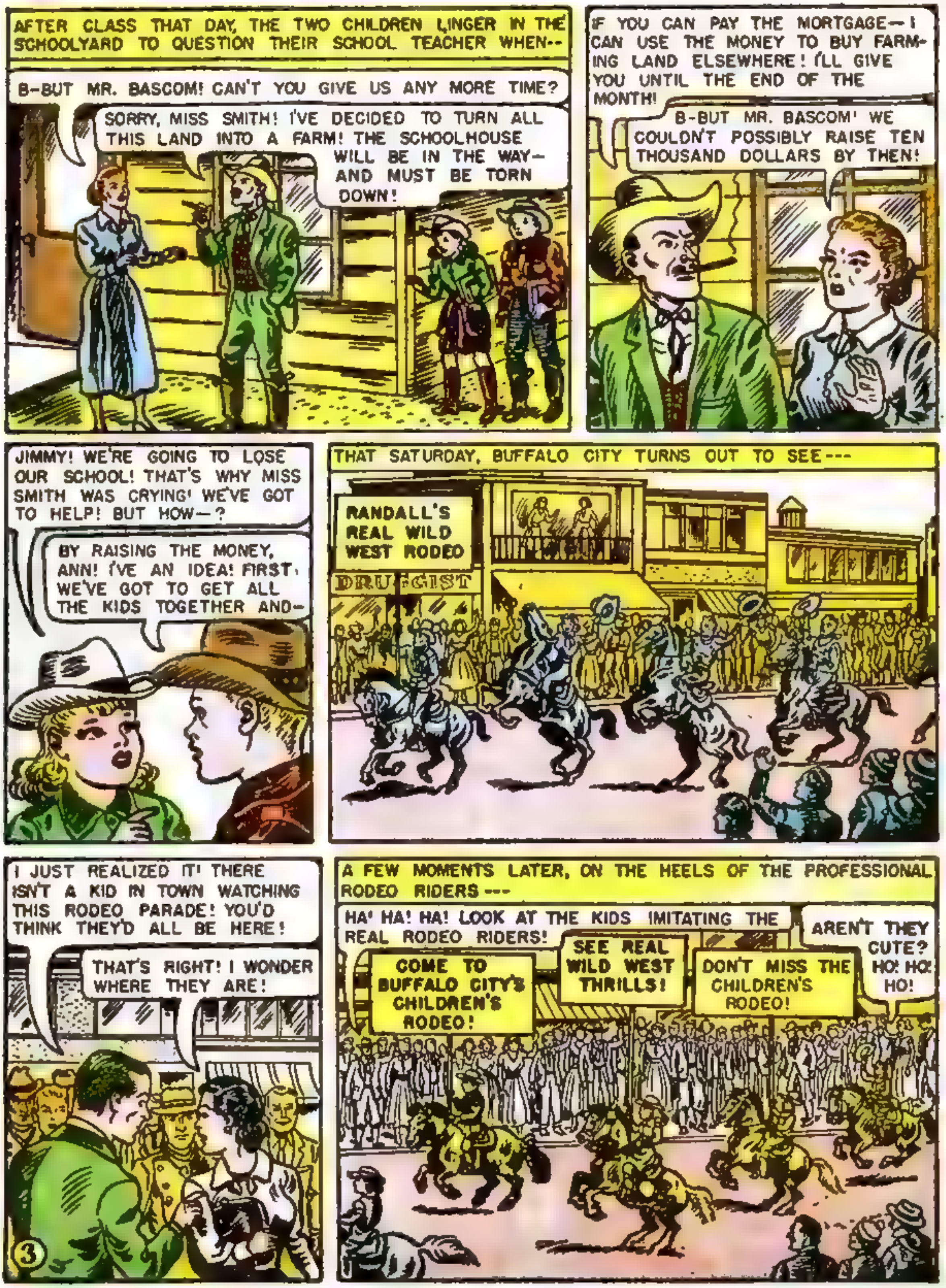
By CHARLES MOULTON

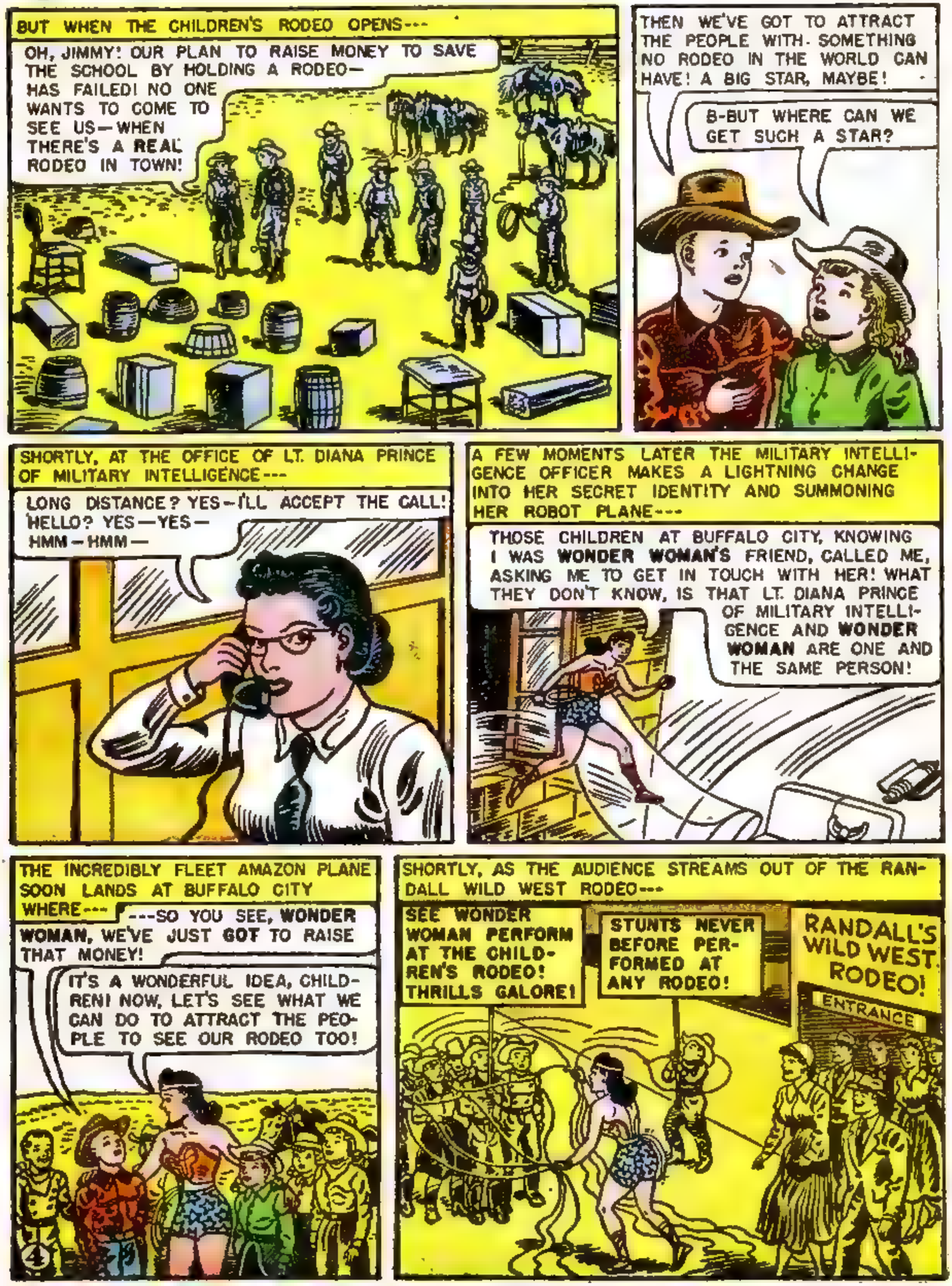
FIGHTING CRIME AND INJUSTICE ON EARTH, AS WELL AS ON OTHER PLANETS, HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE MISSION OF **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—! AND YET, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF HER TITANIC ADVENTURES, THE MIGHTY AMAZON ANSWERS THE PLEA OF A YOUNG STRANGER IN A SMALL WESTERN TOWN, AND FINDS HERSELF A ------

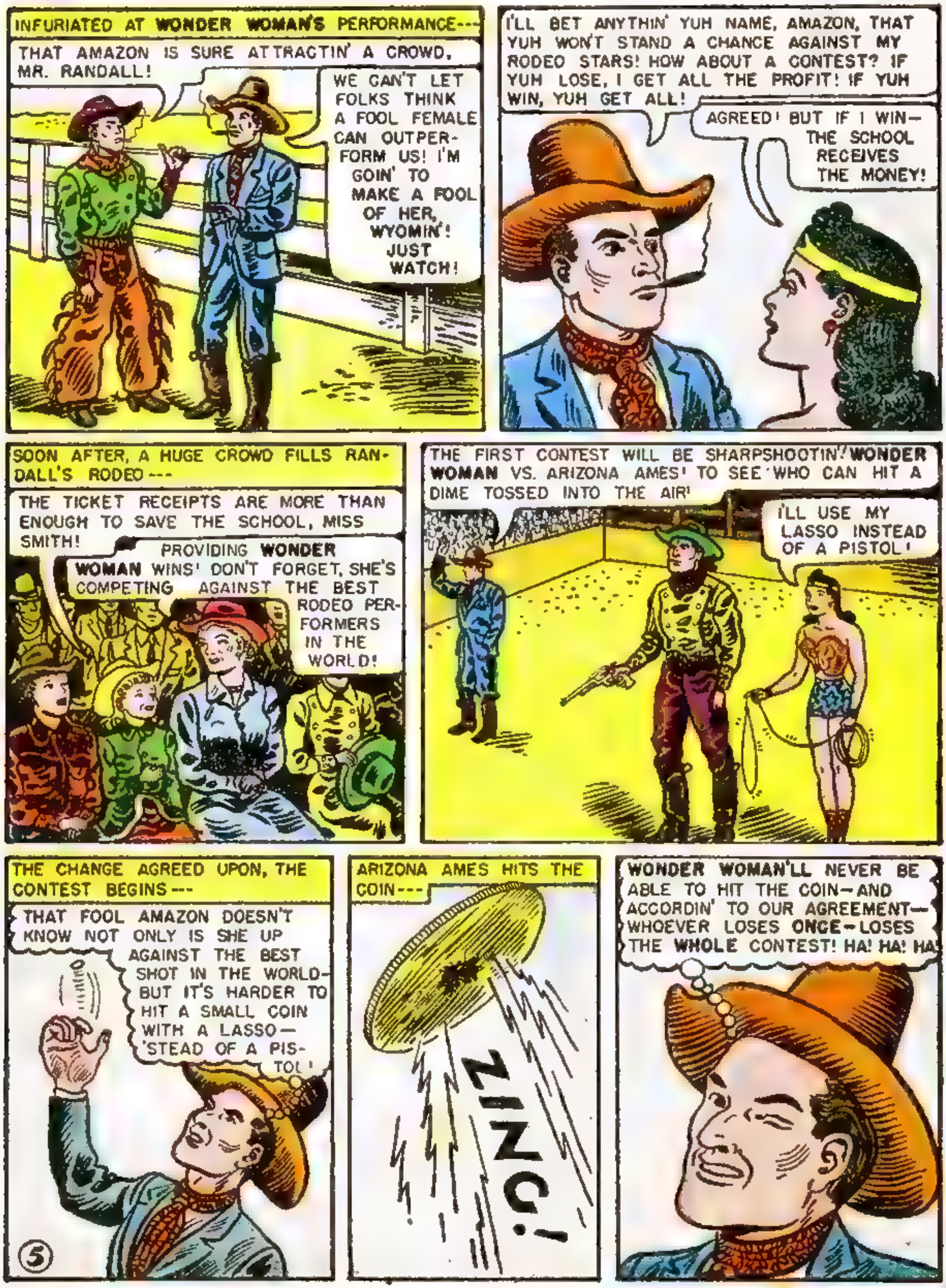
"ONE-WOMAN RODEO!"

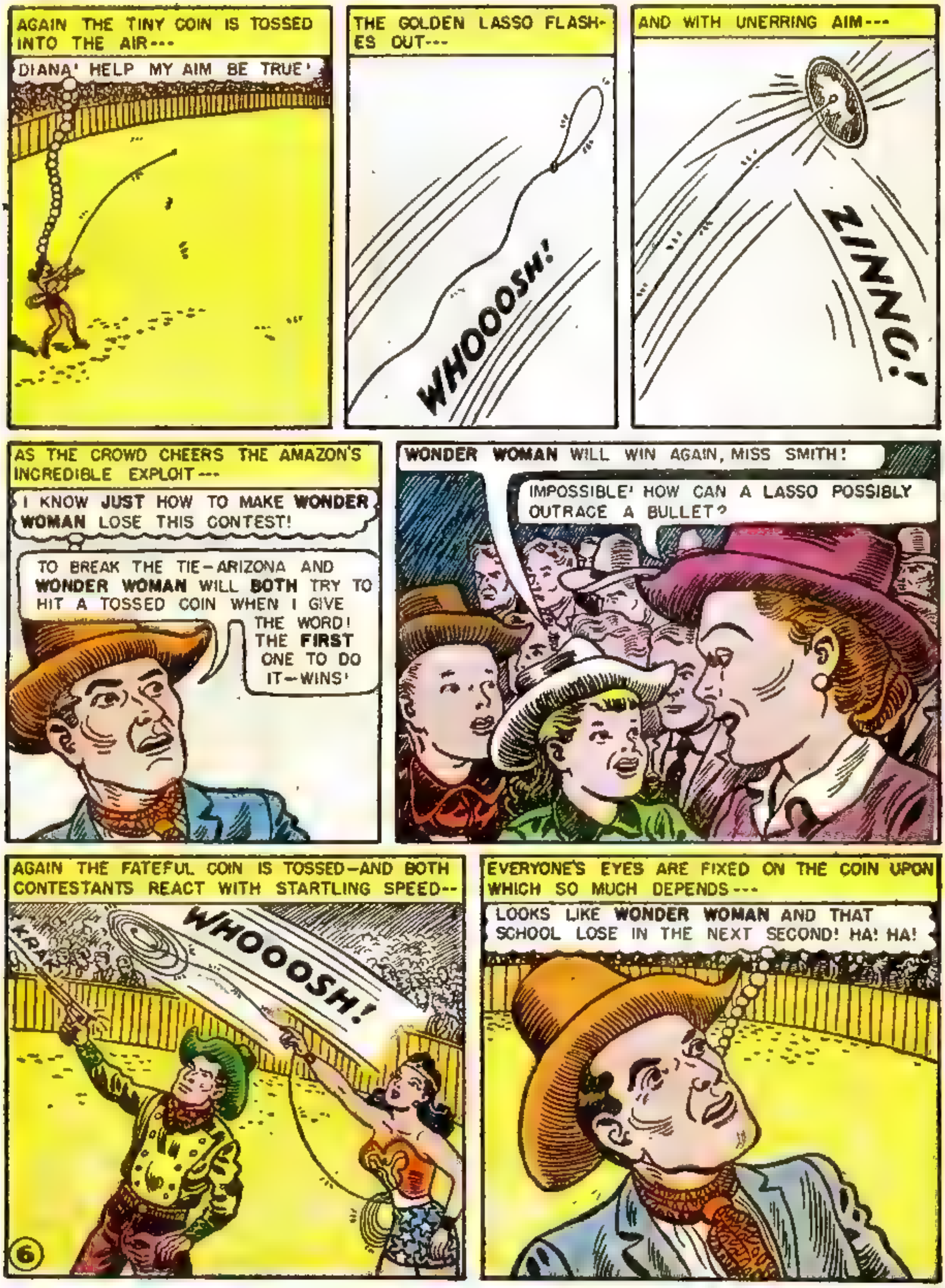


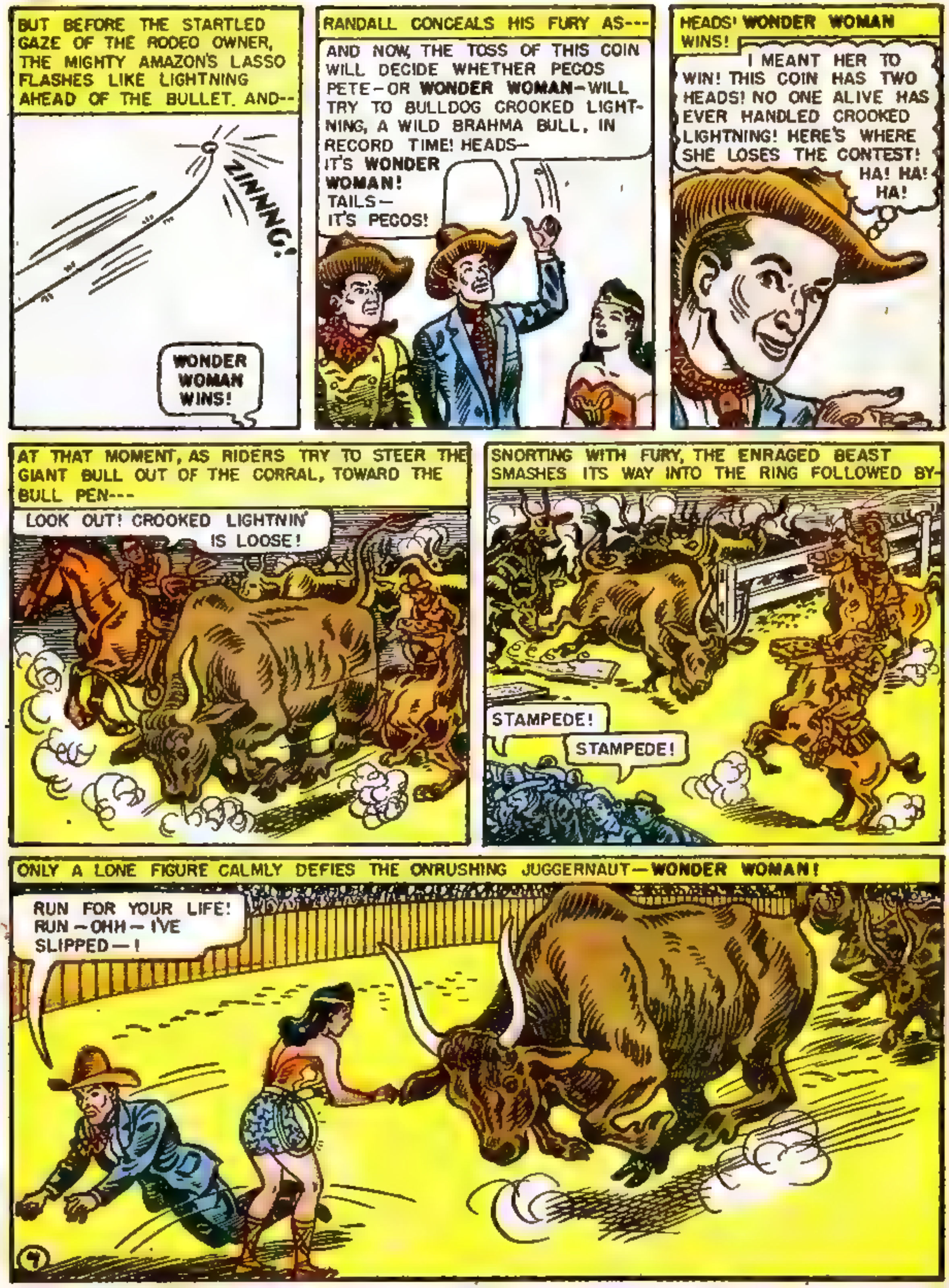

AT BUFFALO CITY---
STARTING SATURDAY!
RANDALL'S REAL WILD WEST RODEO!
THRILLS! SPILLS! CHILLS!
COME ON, JIMMY! WE'D BETTER HURRY BEFORE WE'RE LATE FOR SCHOOL! YOU KNOW HOW MISS SMITH LIKES US ALL TO BE ON TIME!
LOOK, ANN! MISS SMITH HASN'T RUNG THE BELL YET! THE KIDS ARE STILL PLAYING!
LET'S GO INSIDE, JIMMY, AND ASK MISS SMITH ABOUT IT! MAYBE SOMETHING SPECIAL'S HAPPENING!
SCHOOL 2
MISS SMITH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISS SMITH?
J-JIMMY! ANN-! OHH—IT MUST BE TIME FOR CLASSES TO S-START! Y-YES—OF COURSE I'M ALL R-RIGHT!
MISS SMITH'S TRYING TO KEEP FROM CRYING! SOMETHING TERRIBLE MUST HAVE HAPPENED!
WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT IS AFTER CLASS!

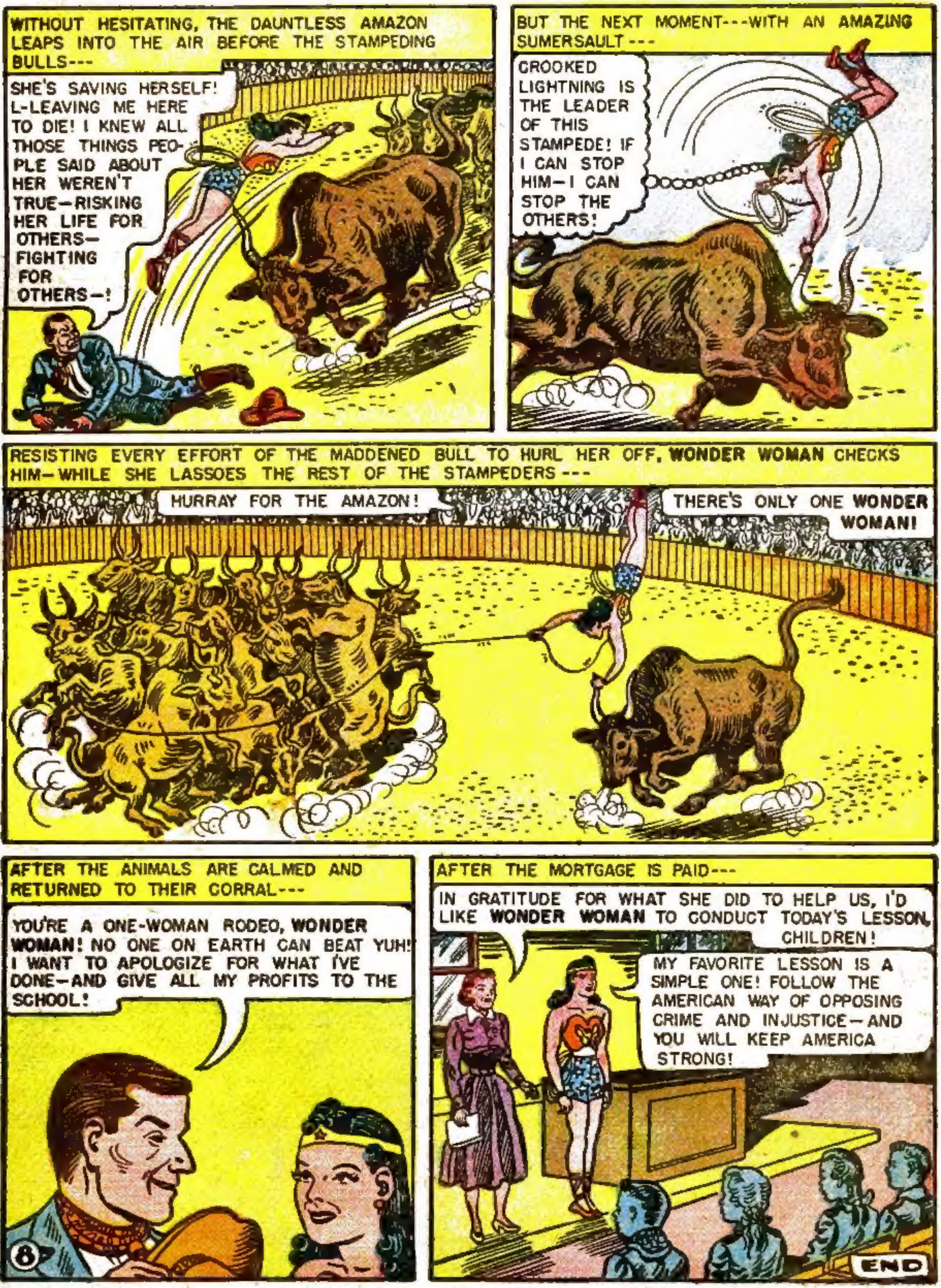

AFTER CLASS THAT DAY, THE TWO CHILDREN LINGER IN THE SCHOOLYARD TO QUESTION THEIR SCHOOL TEACHER WHEN--
B-BUT MR. BASCOM! CAN'T YOU GIVE US ANY MORE TIME?
SORRY, MISS SMITH! I'VE DECIDED TO TURN ALL THIS LAND INTO A FARM! THE SCHOOLHOUSE WILL BE IN THE WAY-- AND MUST BE TORN DOWN!
IF YOU CAN PAY THE MORTGAGE-- I CAN USE THE MONEY TO BUY FARMING LAND ELSEWHERE! I'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH!
B-BUT MR. BASCOM! WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY RAISE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BY THEN!
JIMMY! WE'RE GOING TO LOSE OUR SCHOOL! THAT'S WHY MISS SMITH WAS CRYING! WE'VE GOT TO HELP! BUT HOW--?
BY RAISING THE MONEY, ANN! I'VE AN IDEA! FIRST, WE'VE GOT TO GET ALL THE KIDS TOGETHER AND--
THAT SATURDAY, BUFFALO CITY TURNS OUT TO SEE---
RANDALL'S REAL WILD WEST RODEO
DRUGGIST
I JUST REALIZED IT! THERE ISN'T A KID IN TOWN WATCHING THIS RODEO PARADE! YOU'D THINK THEY'D ALL BE HERE!
THAT'S RIGHT! I WONDER WHERE THEY ARE!
3
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, ON THE HEELS OF THE PROFESSIONAL RODEO RIDERS---
HA! HA! HA! LOOK AT THE KIDS IMITATING THE REAL RODEO RIDERS!
COME TO BUFFALO CITY'S CHILDREN'S RODEO!
SEE REAL WILD WEST THRILLS!
DON'T MISS THE CHILDREN'S RODEO!
AREN'T THEY CUTE? HO! HO! HO!


BUT WHEN THE CHILDREN'S RODEO OPENS---
OH, JIMMY! OUR PLAN TO RAISE MONEY TO SAVE THE SCHOOL BY HOLDING A RODEO—HAS FAILED! NO ONE WANTS TO COME TO SEE US—WHEN THERE'S A REAL RODEO IN TOWN!
THEN WE'VE GOT TO ATTRACT THE PEOPLE WITH SOMETHING NO RODEO IN THE WORLD CAN HAVE! A BIG STAR, MAYBE!
B-BUT WHERE CAN WE GET SUCH A STAR?
SHORTLY, AT THE OFFICE OF LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE---
LONG DISTANCE? YES—I'LL ACCEPT THE CALL! HELLO? YES—YES—HMM—HMM—
A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY AND SUMMONING HER ROBOT PLANE---
THOSE CHILDREN AT BUFFALO CITY, KNOWING I WAS WONDER WOMAN'S FRIEND, CALLED ME, ASKING ME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER! WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW, IS THAT LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND WONDER WOMAN ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON!
THE INCREDIBLY FLEET AMAZON PLANE SOON LANDS AT BUFFALO CITY WHERE---
---SO YOU SEE, WONDER WOMAN, WE'VE JUST GOT TO RAISE THAT MONEY!
IT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA, CHILDREN! NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO ATTRACT THE PEOPLE TO SEE OUR RODEO TOO!
4
SHORTLY, AS THE AUDIENCE STREAMS OUT OF THE RANDALL WILD WEST RODEO---
SEE WONDER WOMAN PERFORM AT THE CHILDREN'S RODEO! THRILLS GALORE!
STUNTS NEVER BEFORE PERFORMED AT ANY RODEO!
RANDALL'S WILD WEST RODEO!
ENTRANCE


INFURIATED AT WONDER WOMAN'S PERFORMANCE---
THAT AMAZON IS SURE ATTRACTIN' A CROWD, MR. RANDALL!
WE CAN'T LET FOLKS THINK A FOOL FEMALE CAN OUTPERFORM US! I'M GOIN' TO MAKE A FOOL OF HER, WYOMIN'! JUST WATCH!
I'LL BET ANYTHIN' YUH NAME, AMAZON, THAT YUH WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY RODEO STARS! HOW ABOUT A CONTEST? IF YUH LOSE, I GET ALL THE PROFIT! IF YUH WIN, YUH GET ALL!
AGREED! BUT IF I WIN— THE SCHOOL RECEIVES THE MONEY!
SOON AFTER, A HUGE CROWD FILLS RANDALL'S RODEO ---
THE TICKET RECEIPTS ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SAVE THE SCHOOL, MISS SMITH!
PROVIDING WONDER WOMAN WINS! DON'T FORGET, SHE'S COMPETING AGAINST THE BEST RODEO PERFORMERS IN THE WORLD!
THE FIRST CONTEST WILL BE SHARPSHOOTIN'! WONDER WOMAN VS. ARIZONA AMES! TO SEE WHO CAN HIT A DIME TOSSED INTO THE AIR!
I'LL USE MY LASSO INSTEAD OF A PISTOL!
THE CHANGE AGREED UPON, THE CONTEST BEGINS ---
THAT FOOL AMAZON DOESN'T KNOW NOT ONLY IS SHE UP AGAINST THE BEST SHOT IN THE WORLD— BUT IT'S HARDER TO HIT A SMALL COIN WITH A LASSO— 'STEAD OF A PISTOL!
ARIZONA AMES HITS THE COIN---
ZING!
WONDER WOMAN'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HIT THE COIN—AND ACCORDIN' TO OUR AGREEMENT— WHOEVER LOSES ONCE—LOSES THE WHOLE CONTEST! HA! HA! HA


AGAIN THE TINY COIN IS TOSSED INTO THE AIR---
DIANA! HELP MY AIM BE TRUE!
THE GOLDEN LASSO FLASHES OUT---
WHOOOSH!
AND WITH UNERRING AIM---
ZINNG!
AS THE CROWD CHEERS THE AMAZON'S INCREDIBLE EXPLOIT---
I KNOW **JUST** HOW TO MAKE **WONDER WOMAN** LOSE THIS CONTEST!
TO BREAK THE TIE—ARIZONA AND **WONDER WOMAN** WILL **BOTH** TRY TO HIT A TOSSED COIN WHEN I GIVE THE WORD! THE **FIRST** ONE TO DO IT—WINS!
WONDER WOMAN WILL WIN AGAIN, MISS SMITH!
IMPOSSIBLE! HOW CAN A LASSO POSSIBLY OUTRACE A BULLET?
AGAIN THE FATEFUL COIN IS TOSSED—AND BOTH CONTESTANTS REACT WITH STARTLING SPEED--
KRAK
WHOOOSH!
EVERYONE'S EYES ARE FIXED ON THE COIN UPON WHICH SO MUCH DEPENDS---
LOOKS LIKE **WONDER WOMAN** AND THAT SCHOOL LOSE IN THE NEXT SECOND! HA! HA!


BUT BEFORE THE STARTLED GAZE OF THE RODEO OWNER, THE MIGHTY AMAZON'S LASSO FLASHES LIKE LIGHTNING AHEAD OF THE BULLET. AND--
ZINNNG!
WONDER WOMAN WINS!
RANDALL CONCEALS HIS FURY AS---
AND NOW, THE TOSS OF THIS COIN WILL DECIDE WHETHER PECOS PETE—OR WONDER WOMAN—WILL TRY TO BULLDOG CROOKED LIGHTNING, A WILD BRAHMA BULL, IN RECORD TIME! HEADS—IT'S WONDER WOMAN! TAILS—IT'S PECOS!
HEADS! WONDER WOMAN WINS!
I MEANT HER TO WIN! THIS COIN HAS TWO HEADS! NO ONE ALIVE HAS EVER HANDLED CROOKED LIGHTNING! HERE'S WHERE SHE LOSES THE CONTEST! HA! HA! HA!
AT THAT MOMENT, AS RIDERS TRY TO STEER THE GIANT BULL OUT OF THE CORRAL, TOWARD THE BULL PEN---
LOOK OUT! CROOKED LIGHTNIN' IS LOOSE!
SNORTING WITH FURY, THE ENRAGED BEAST SMASHES ITS WAY INTO THE RING FOLLOWED BY-
STAMPEDE!
STAMPEDE!
ONLY A LONE FIGURE CALMLY DEFIES THE ONRUSHING JUGGERNAUT—WONDER WOMAN!
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE! RUN—OHH—I'VE SLIPPED—!


WITHOUT HESITATING, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON LEAPS INTO THE AIR BEFORE THE STAMPEDING BULLS---
SHE'S SAVING HERSELF! L-LEAVING ME HERE TO DIE! I KNEW ALL THOSE THINGS PEOPLE SAID ABOUT HER WEREN'T TRUE—RISKING HER LIFE FOR OTHERS—FIGHTING FOR OTHERS—!
BUT THE NEXT MOMENT---WITH AN AMAZING SUMERSAULT---
CROOKED LIGHTNING IS THE LEADER OF THIS STAMPEDE! IF I CAN STOP HIM—I CAN STOP THE OTHERS!
RESISTING EVERY EFFORT OF THE MADDENED BULL TO HURL HER OFF, WONDER WOMAN CHECKS HIM—WHILE SHE LASSOES THE REST OF THE STAMPEDERS---
HURRAY FOR THE AMAZON!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WONDER WOMAN!
AFTER THE ANIMALS ARE CALMED AND RETURNED TO THEIR CORRAL---
YOU'RE A ONE-WOMAN RODEO, WONDER WOMAN! NO ONE ON EARTH CAN BEAT YUH! I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT I'VE DONE—AND GIVE ALL MY PROFITS TO THE SCHOOL!
AFTER THE MORTGAGE IS PAID---
IN GRATITUDE FOR WHAT SHE DID TO HELP US, I'D LIKE WONDER WOMAN TO CONDUCT TODAY'S LESSON, CHILDREN!
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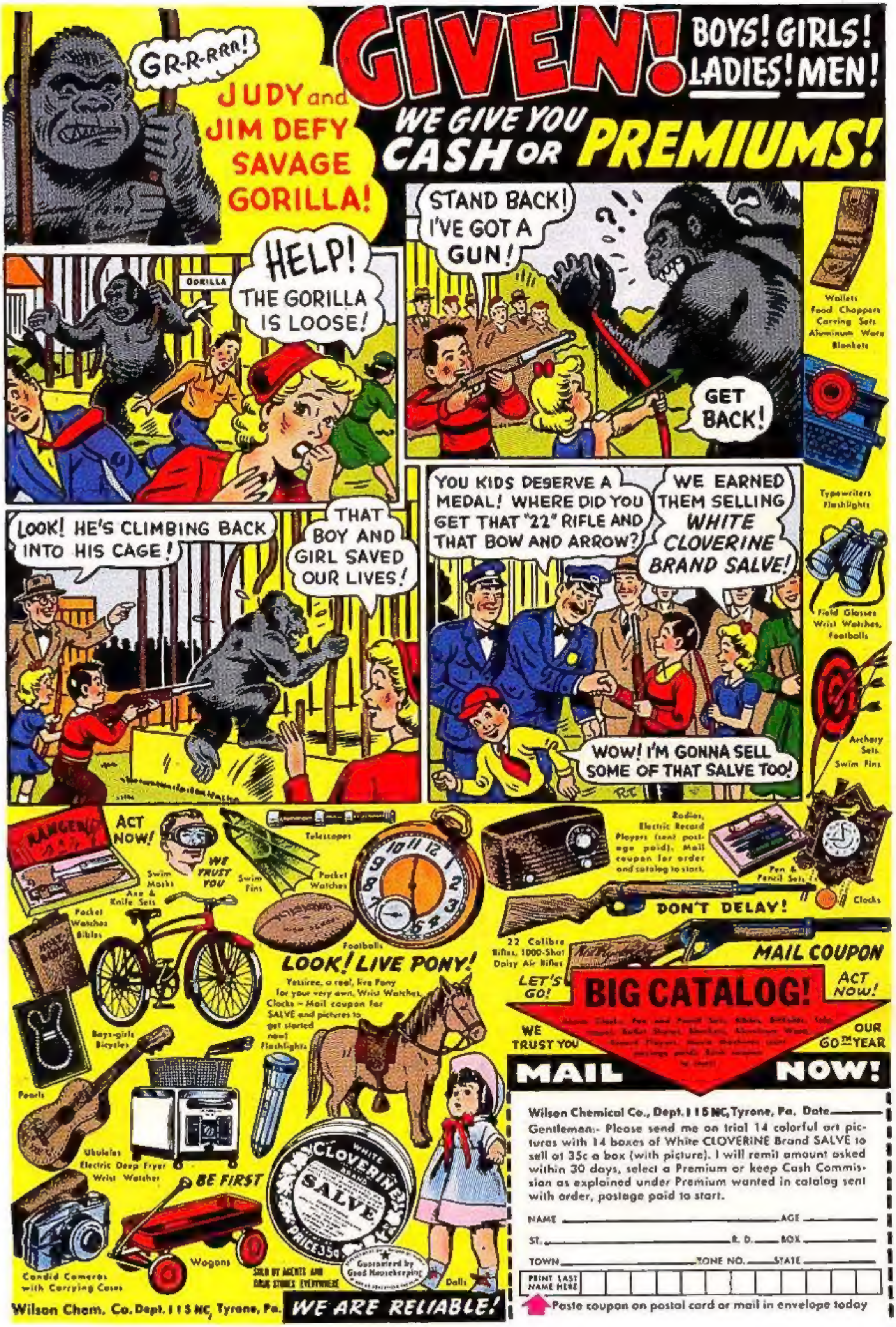
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